

**The School for Creative and Performing Arts**  
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**Welcome to AP English Language and Composition!**

Before your year begins, it is necessary to understand the expectations for your work, attitude, and conduct as AP scholars. You have displayed strengths in English; otherwise, you would not have chosen the rigorous coursework this class demands. You are expected to be dedicated and self-disciplined, teachable, and self-motivated. Although one of the ultimate goals is that you pass the exam, it would be great for each of you to enjoy the process. Being smart is fun, but often requires hard work.

One of the keys to performing well is being “well-read.” As you read more widely, your vocabulary becomes broader and richer. Exposure to a variety of literature will allow you to recognize good writing styles and to emulate their correctness in your own writings. Another key to performing well is developing a writing style that incorporates the depth of thinking in the analysis of a writer’s techniques, methods, style, and presenting intelligent papers about such concepts. A final key to passing the exam is understanding argument and using research to back up your argument. Although you will do projects, the focus must be on content, purpose, and writing.

When you read, look up words that you find unfamiliar. Write the words in a notebook and use the pronunciation guides. Research unknown allusions for your notes as well.

In addition to the required classwork, you will read novels outside of class. However, the primary focus of this course is reading and analyzing nonfiction and the author’s purpose/argument, as well as writing and analyzing the style and purpose of various authors and types of writing.

With a positive attitude and strong work ethic, you will have a successful year in AP Lang!

If you would like additional information on the Advanced Placement program, go to <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html> for general information.

For more specific information on the English Language & Composition test, go to [http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub\\_englang.html?englang](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_englang.html?englang)

AP Language and Composition at a Glance

You will focus on nonfiction (personal essays, autobiographies/biographies, newspaper articles, etc). This means not as much work with novels and short stories. If studying fiction was your expectation, English 11 might be a better fit for you.

- You will write A LOT.
- You will analyze other author’s pieces and be the author of your own.
- You will study grammar.
- You will be taking a college-level course.
- You MUST be able to trust yourself to keep up with the workload.

## Summer Assignment

### **Part One: Reading**

You will read two books this summer.

- A. *Thank You for Arguing, Fourth Edition (Revised and Updated): What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion*, 4th Edition by Jay Heinrichs  
ISBN: 0593237382, <https://amzn.to/3g9QDKh>

You will need to read carefully and annotate the text. The guidelines for the annotations are as follows:

#### **EXCELLENT Annotations:**

- Comments are **plentiful** throughout the text: beginning, middle and end.
- Comments demonstrate **analysis and interpretation**—thinking **beyond the surface level** of the text/summary.
- **Many patterns** of similarity, contrasts, and anomalies/variances are marked; the writer may have created lists or cross-references.
- Comments accomplish a **great variety of purposes**:
  - appeals to pathos (emotion), ethos (morals/credibility), and logos (logic)
  - development of targeted appeals
  - identification of fallacies and their effectiveness/ineffectiveness
  - notes on speaker, purpose of the text, audience, context, exigence
  - personal response
  - summary of events/ideas
  - questions
  - predictions
  - connections/intertextuality (Does this remind you of something else? Why?)
  - vocabulary awareness
  - reflection
  - awareness of writing strategies/text structure
  - purpose of literary/rhetorical devices

#### **PROFICIENT Annotations:**

- Comments are **adequate** throughout text: beginning, middle and end.
- Comments demonstrate **some analysis and interpretation**—thinking beyond the surface level of the text/summary.
- **Some patterns** of similarity, contrasts, and anomalies/variances are marked.
- Marginal comments accomplish **some variety** of purpose.

#### **UNDEVELOPED Annotations:**

- Comments are few, but may be concentrated in parts of text.
- Comments demonstrate **little analysis or interpretation** – are mostly surface level/summary.
- **Few patterns** of similarity, contrasts, and anomalies are marked.
- Marginal comments accomplish **only a few different purposes**, mostly summary of events and observations.

The grade for these will be credited as a 50-point project grade. The scale will be as follows: **Excellent**=45-50 points, **Proficient** = 40-44 points, **Undeveloped** = 35-39 points, **No Annotations** = 0 points.

- B. Choose one from the list of recommended books for AP Lang: <https://bit.ly/2z1ld23>  
There is no assignment for this task. Select something that you will enjoy reading!

### **Part Two: Terms**

You will create flashcards to study important terms. Your flashcards should be 3" x 5". Write the term neatly in big, bold lettering on the front. Write the definition of the term on the back. Do NOT attempt to Cut and paste the

definitions from this handout onto your cards because such a ploy would defeat the purpose of learning the vernacular. You will be tested over the definitions for a 50-point test grade when school starts. You will be tested over recognition and identification throughout and at the end of the first semester.

The Words you are expected to know the first day you walk into class are as follows:

1. Absolute—a word free from limitations or qualifications (“best,” “all,” “unique,” “perfect”).
2. *Ad hominem* argument—an argument attacking an individual’s character rather than his or her position on an issue.
3. Allusion—a reference to something literary, mythological, or historical that the author assumes the reader will recognize.
4. Analogy—a comparison of two different things that are similar in some way.
5. Anaphora—repetition of the same word or group of words at the beginning of successive clauses (Example from the great Richard D. Bury: “In books I find the dead as if they were alive; in books I foresee things to come; in books warlike affairs are set forth; from books come forth the laws of peace.”)
6. Anecdote—a brief narrative that focuses on a particular incident or event
7. Antecedent—the word, phrase, or clause to which a pronoun refers
8. Antithesis—a statement in which two opposing ideas are balanced
9. Aphorism—a concise, statement that expresses succinctly a general truth or idea, often using rhyme or balance
10. Asyndeton—a construction in which elements are presented in a series without conjunctions (“They spent the day wondering, searching, thinking, understanding.”)
11. Balanced sentence—a sentence in which words, phrases, or clauses are set off against each other to emphasize a contrast (George Orwell: “If thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought.”)
12. Chiasmus—a statement consisting of two parallel parts in which the second part is structurally reversed (“Susan walked in, and out rushed Mary.”)
13. Cliché—an expression that has been overused to the extent that its freshness has worn off (“the time of my life”, “at the droop of a hat”, etc.)
14. Climax—generally, the arrangement of words, phrases, or clauses in an order of increasing importance, often in parallel structure (“The concerto was applauded at the house of Baron von Schnooty, it was praised highly at court, it was voted best concerto of the year by the Academy, it was considered by Mozart the highlight of his career, and it has become known today as the best concerto in the world.”)
15. Colloquialism—informal words or expressions not usually acceptable in formal writing
16. Complex sentence—a sentence with one independent clause and at least one dependent clause
17. Compound sentence—a sentence with two or more coordinate independent clauses, often joined by one or more conjunctions

18. Compound-complex sentence—a sentence with two or more principal clauses and one or more subordinate clauses
19. Concrete details—details that relate to or describe actual, specific things or events
20. Connotation—the implied or associative meaning of a word (slender vs. skinny; cheap vs. thrifty)
21. Cumulative sentence (loose sentence)—a sentence in which the main independent clause is elaborated by the successive addition of modifying clauses or phrases (Jonathan Swift, *A Modest Proposal*: “I have been assured by a very knowing American friend of my acquaintance in London, that a young healthy child well nursed is at a year old a most delicious, nourishing, and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked or boiled; and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a fricassee or a ragout.”)
22. Declarative sentence—a sentence that makes a statement or declaration
23. Deductive reasoning—reasoning in which a conclusion is reached by stating a general principle and then applying that principle to a specific case (The sun rises every morning; therefore, the sun will rise on Tuesday morning.)
24. Denotation—the literal meaning of a word
25. Dialect—a variety of speech characterized by its own particular grammar or pronunciation, often associated with a particular geographical region (“Y’all” = Southern dialect)
26. Diction—the word choices made by a writer (diction can be described as formal, semi-formal, ornate, informal, technical, etc.)
27. Didactic—having the primary purpose of teaching or instructing
28. Ellipsis—the omission of a word or phrase which is grammatically necessary but can be deduced from the context (“Some people prefer cats; others, dogs.”)
29. Epigram—a brief, pithy, and often paradoxical saying
30. Ethos—the persuasive appeal of one’s character, or credibility
31. Euphemism—an indirect, less offensive way of saying something that is considered unpleasant
32. Exclamatory sentence—a sentence expressing strong feeling, usually punctuated with an exclamation mark
33. Figurative language—language employing one or more figures of speech (simile, metaphor, imagery, etc.)
34. Hyperbole—intentional exaggeration to create an effect
35. Idiom—an expression in a given language that cannot be understood from the literal meaning of the words in the expression; or, a regional speech or dialect (“fly on the wall”, “cut to the chase”, etc.)
36. Imagery—the use of figures of speech to create vivid images that appeal to one of the senses
37. Imperative sentence—a sentence that gives a command

38. Implication—a suggestion an author or speaker makes (implies) without stating it directly. NOTE: the author/speaker *implies*; the reader/audience *infers*.
39. Inductive reasoning—deriving general principles from particular facts or instances (“Every cat I have ever seen has four legs; cats are four-legged animals.”)
40. Inference—a conclusion based on premises or evidence
41. Interrogative sentence—a sentence that asks a question
42. Invective—an intensely vehement, highly emotional verbal attack
43. Inverted syntax—a sentence constructed so that the predicate comes before the subject (ex: In the woods I am walking.)
44. Irony—the use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning; or, incongruity between what is expected and what actually occurs (situational, verbal, dramatic)
45. Jargon—the specialized language or vocabulary of a particular group or profession
46. Juxtaposition—placing two elements side by side to present a comparison or contrast
47. Litotes—a type of understatement in which an idea is expressed by negating its opposite (describing a particularly horrific scene by saying, “It was not a pretty picture.”)
48. Logos—appeal to reason or logic
49. Malapropism—the mistaken substitution of one word for another word that sounds similar (“The doctor wrote a subscription.”)
50. Maxim—a concise statement, often offering advice; an adage
51. Metaphor—a direct comparison of two different things
52. Metonymy—substituting the name of one object for another object closely associated with it (“The pen [writing] is mightier than the sword [war/fighting].”)
53. Mood—the emotional atmosphere of a work
54. Motif—a standard theme, element, or dramatic situation that recurs in various works
55. *Non sequitur*—an inference that does not follow logically from the premises (literally, “does not follow”)
56. Paradox—an apparently contradictory statement that actually contains some truth (“Whoever loses his life, shall find it.”)
57. Parallelism—the use of corresponding grammatical or syntactical forms
58. Parody—a humorous imitation of a serious work (Weird Al Yankovich’s songs, and the *Scary Movie* series are examples)
59. Parenthetical—a comment that interrupts the immediate subject, often to qualify or explain

60. Pathos—the quality in a work that prompts the reader to feel pity
61. Pedantic—characterized by an excessive display of learning or scholarship
62. Personification—endowing non-human objects or creatures with human qualities or characteristics
63. Philippic—a strong verbal denunciation. The term comes from the orations of Demosthenes against Philip of Macedonia in the fourth century.
64. Polysyndeton—the use, for rhetorical effect, of more conjunctions than is necessary or natural (John Henry Newman: “And to set forth the right standard, and to train according to it, and to help forward all students towards it according to their various capacities, this I conceive to be the business of a University.”)
65. Rhetoric—the art of presenting ideas in a clear, effective, and persuasive manner
66. Rhetorical question—a question asked merely for rhetorical effect and not requiring an answer
67. Rhetorical devices—literary techniques used to heighten the effectiveness of expression
68. Sarcasm—harsh, cutting language or tone intended to ridicule
69. Satire—the use of humor to emphasize human weaknesses or imperfections in social institutions (Jonathan Swift’s *Gulliver’s Travels*, *The Simpsons*, etc.)
70. Scheme—an artful deviation from the ordinary arrangement of words (anaphora, anastrophe, antithesis are some examples of schemes)
71. Simile—a comparison of two things using “like,” “as,” or other specifically comparative words
72. Simple sentence—a sentence consisting of one independent clause and no dependent clause
73. Solecism—non-standard grammatical usage; a violation of grammatical rules (ex: unflammable; they was)
74. Structure—the arrangement or framework of a sentence, paragraph, or entire work
75. Style—the choices a writer makes; the combination of distinctive features of a literary work (when analyzing style, one may consider diction, figurative language, sentence structure, etc.)
76. Syllepsis—a construction in which one word is used in two different senses (“After he threw the ball, he threw a fit.”)
77. Syllogism—a three-part deductive argument in which a conclusion is based on a major premise and a minor premise (“All men are mortal; Socrates is a man; therefore, Socrates is mortal.”)
78. Synecdoche—using one part of an object to represent the entire object (for example, referring to a car simply as “wheels”)
79. Synesthesia—describing one kind of sensation in terms of another (“a loud color,” “a sweet sound”)
80. Syntax—the manner in which words are arranged into sentences
81. Theme—a central idea of a work

82. Thesis—the primary position taken by a writer or speaker
83. Tone—the attitude of a writer, usually implied, toward the subject or audience
84. Trope—an artful deviation from the ordinary or principal signification of a word (hyperbole, metaphor, and personification are some examples of tropes)
85. Understatement—the deliberate representation of something as lesser in magnitude than it
86. Vernacular—the everyday speech of a particular country or region, often involving nonstandard usage

#### Course Materials

Materials needed for the first day of school:

- 1 pocket folder for AP Lang
- 1 pack of lined 4x6 notecards
- 1 pack of lined college-ruled paper
- 1 container of Clorox/disinfectant wipes (if available)
- 1 box of Kleenex/tissues

*The Elements of Style Workbook*, ISBN: 1642810053, <https://amzn.to/2LJw2yy>

#### Note about the Course Syllabus

Due to the potential changes ahead for schools, I will not be sending you the course syllabus yet. I may have to make significant changes to the year-long schedule as well as assignments and tools. If you have any questions, please email me.