

Summer Work for AP Language and Composition

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To familiarize yourself with the workload of AP Language and Composition and the attention to detail we will work on this upcoming school year, you will complete the following assignment this summer which will be due upon your return.

You will read six articles/essays this summer about a variety of topics as outlined below. After you read your selected pieces, fill out a notecard-- one per source -- with the following information:

- Title of Article:
- Author:
- Source/Genre:
- Topic/Category:
- Question Responses:
 - What is the author's message (purpose, thesis, main idea)?
 - Write one significant piece of textual evidence from the article that helps the author achieve his or her purpose, and explain why/how this piece of textual evidence is effective in establishing the author's purpose.
 - Write one piece of textual evidence that showcases the author's style, and explain what you find interesting about this particular sentence.

You must find one article/essay from each of the following six sources:

- *The New York Times*
- *Time Magazine*
- *The Atlantic*
- *The New Yorker*
- *Psychology Today*
- *The Electric Typewriter*

Be sure you cover a variety of topics and genres:

Possible Topics

Happiness

Education

Science

Environment

The Arts

Politics

History

Money

Possible Genres

Essay

Argument

Memoir

Current Events