

AP Language & Composition

Summer Assignment

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PART I: READING LOG

According to the College Board, “[a]t the heart of an AP English and Composition course is the reading of various texts...[w]hile writing represents a significant component of this course, the core skill required is the ability to read well. In reading another writer’s work, students must be able to address four fundamental questions about composition: *What is being said? To whom is it being said? How is it being said? [and] Why is it being said?*” We will spend the entire year wrestling with these questions so we would like for you to spend time this summer reading for pleasure and with purpose.

We are going to ask you to read “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas this summer and use that book to (1) create a reading log and (2) write an essay that answers an AP style writing prompt.

The first part of your summer assignment is to create a reading log based on your reactions to the novel. You may keep track of your reading any way that works best for you: in Notes on your phone, a Google doc, an old-fashioned reading log, or a reading journal, just as long as it’s something you can turn in during the first week of school. Your reading log should include the chapter number, page number, a quote, and your personal reaction to its overall argument. Bonus if you use PQCSV!

PART II: RHETORICAL ANALYSIS ESSAY

“The Hate U Give” is a young adult novel written by African-American author Angie Thomas as a response to the events surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement. In the novel, Starr Carter (a teenage girl) is drawn to activism after a white police officer shoots her childhood best friend. Read the novel carefully. Then, in a well-developed essay, analyze the rhetorical choices Thomas makes to develop her argument. Support your analysis of her rhetoric with specific references to the text.

***HINT: Remember the text analysis responses you wrote in Mr. Luke’s class? Well, the rhetorical analysis essay is pretty much the same thing! However, you should analyze 2-3 rhetorical strategies and your response should be no fewer than 4 paragraphs.*