



AP Lang Summer Assignment 2020

Hello future AP Lang students,

To help prepare your mind and maintain (and improve) your academic skills, we encourage you to complete some of the options on the following board throughout the summer. While these assignments are not mandatory, we feel that completing one activity from each column will help prevent summer learning loss¹ as well as prepare you for the discussions and writings we will do in the AP Lang classroom. When the school year begins, you will be asked to assess and explain who you are as a reader, writer, and learner--so use this time to develop your skills in one or more of those areas.

In addition to these activities, we will be offering a Google Classroom for Continuity of Learning over the summer. Participation in this classroom is completely optional and will not relate nor enhance any grades in the fall. Instead, it is a place where you can ask questions, seek feedback, or find additional readings or activities. The code for the Google Classroom is ia3xx4t.

We hope you have a relaxing summer, and please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions.

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¹ If you need to be convinced, read [this quick article](#) about research into summer learning loss.

Reader/Viewer	Writer/Creator	Learner/Researcher
<p>Watch a documentary that has been nominated for Best Documentary in the past 50 years. You'll find an exhaustive list here.</p>	<p>Use Free Rice to develop your vocabulary by earning a score of 1,000 points twice a week.</p>	<p>Check out the Fairfax County Public Library calendar and find an event or program for teens to exercise your creativity and build language and reading skills.</p>
<p>Develop your background knowledge by listening to a season of a podcast. Choose from <i>Dear Hank & John, Stuff You Missed in History Class, Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!, What Good Games, #WhoWouldWin, & SciFri</i></p>	<p>Check out the UC personal insight questions at this website and practice your writing skills by writing first drafts for several questions.</p>	<p>Get to know Jay Heinrichs, the author of <i>Thank You for Arguing</i>, with this 2017 BBC interview. Follow him on Youtube and learn some tricks of persuasion.</p>
<p>Read a memoir by someone of a different cultural background, gender, sexuality, religious faith, or economic status. Try this list for ideas.</p>	<p>Look over the 1,000 Writing Prompts from the New York Times. Find some prompts that interest you and write a short response.</p>	<p>Consider your historical knowledge. Look over this list of historical events after 1900 to see if you can expand your knowledge of any of these events.</p>
<p>Read a book about writing and try some of the strategies. There are 26 books on this list. We highly recommend William Zinsser's <i>On Writing Well</i>.</p>	<p>Follow the local news and then write a letter to the editor of The Washington Post. Read this article by Thomas Feyer, New York Times letters editor, for some helpful hints. Submit the letter here.</p>	<p>Choose a book that you haven't read and create a small book club (with friends and/or family members). The book should center on a topic that interests you and your club members. Create a list of discussion questions; you can use this list or this one as inspiration.</p>