

## 2022 AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

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### WANDO HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to Advanced Placement English Language and Composition at Wando High School! We look forward to a productive, challenging, and intellectually stimulating year together. Students taking this class will closely read non-fiction essays, speeches, and letters, integrated with novels and plays, with a heavy concentration on American literature. They will learn to create meaningful connections among the main course concepts: the rhetorical situation, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style. This year's summer work is designed to encourage reading beyond the surface as a way to grow and learn as responsible and critical readers, thinkers, writers, and speakers.

#### PART I: READING FICTION THROUGH A RHETORICAL LENS

- Read and annotate *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
  - [Here](#) is a document about annotating to help you understand our expectations.
  - You will take a reading quiz during the first week of school.

#### PART II: READING AND WRITING ABOUT NONFICTION

- Read and annotate the following essays. Although the annotations will not be collected for a grade, doing them will be helpful when completing the precis paragraphs and response paragraph.
  - "[Mother Tongue](#)" by Amy Tan
  - "[The F-Word](#)" by Firoozeh Dumas (disregard the questions at the top of the first page)
  - [Teen Choice Awards](#) - Ashton Kutcher
  - "[Just Walk on By: Black Men and Public Space](#)" by Brent Staples (the questions that follow could help you digest the reading, but you do not need to turn in answers for them)
- Open a Google Doc, give it an MLA heading, title it Reading and Writing About Nonfiction, and:
  - Complete a rhetorical precis for each essay ([precis template here](#)). No need to transition between the paragraphs. Just four separate precis paragraphs in succession.
  - Write a response paragraph ([description here](#)).
- Be prepared to turn in your document with the 4 precis paragraphs and the 1 response paragraph on the first day of school.

Please email [meghan\\_grech@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:meghan_grech@charleston.k12.sc.us) with any questions or concerns regarding this assignment.