

AP English Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignments 2020



Dear Students-

Welcome to AP English Language and Composition! My name is Ms. Sargiovanni. This will be my sixth year teaching at Lake. I attended Kent State University for my Bachelor of Science Degree in Education (ELA 7-12th grade), and I am certified through the College Board to teach AP English Language and Composition. I teach Freshman English, AP English Language and Composition to all Juniors, and I am the Spirit Club/Pep Rally Adviser at LMHS. I love coffee, icecream, cats, movies, and reading books! My favorite genre of reading is mystery/thriller. I am so excited to meet you all this fall, and I can't wait to share my passion for reading and writing with you!

In this course my goal is to help you become skilled readers and writers to help prepare you for college and beyond. I am looking forward to a great year filled with inspiring literature, reflective writing, group collaboration, and student centered projects. In preparation for the school year, I would like you to complete **both** assignments over the summer:

1. Non-Fiction Choice Book

- Read a nonfiction book you have **not** read before.
- Please **do not** read the following: *Tuesdays with Morrie*, *The Color of Water*, *The Hiding Place*, *I am a Seal Team 6 Warrior*, *Chinese Cinderella*, *First They Killed my Father*, *The Cage*, *My Everest Story*, *The Fattening Hut*, *All But My Life*.
- To look for book choices, go to Goodreads.com to read reviews and find a book that you will enjoy! Here are some options for obtaining a book:
 - Order from Amazon, BAM, etc.
 - Download a digital version (Kindle, E-books, audio, etc.)
 - Hoopla and Libby are two of my favorite free apps. If you have a Stark County Library card (or any library card), you can access the books for free!

Assignment: Complete a “double entry journal” that expresses your thoughts to **10 significant quotes or passages from the book.**

- To complete the assignment, create a chart with two columns.
- The first column will be dedicated to the quote/passage and page numbers (**cited MLA style**).
- The second column will be dedicated to explaining the significance of the quote or passage. **Each explanation should be an in depth paragraph of about 5-7 sentences each.**

Here are some journal ideas:

- What key/important passages did you notice in the text? Why do you want to share this?
- Comment on the author's writing style or strategies. What does the author do well to accurately portray

their themes, symbols, morals, arguments, etc.

- What “burning questions” do you have about the book? What are you confused about or need clarification on?
- What connections do you make to the text? Text-to-text? Text-to-world? Text-to-self? etc. What does it remind you of or make you think about?

*You are more than welcome to discuss other ideas for your journal-this is just to get you started! The goal is to have insightful, in depth thoughts about the book.

Please have a digital copy of your work saved to a flash drive or Google Doc with you on the first day of class-this will be uploaded to Turnitin.com as soon as school starts!

2. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

- This year you will read American Literature works by Fitzgerald, Hemingway, and Miller-but first you will read one of my favorites! The purpose of this assignment is to connect and identify the writing styles and strategies of one of the greatest American novelists of all time-John Steinbeck!
- Again, here are some options for obtaining a copy of the book:
 - Order from Amazon, BAM, etc.
 - Download a digital version (Kindle, E-books, etc.)
 - Many classics are available for free online. Check this out before you make any purchases (**this does not include Sparknotes/cliffnotes**). Just simply search for *Of Mice and Men* in Google, and you will see several pop up.

Assignment: Please be ready to take a multiple choice comprehension assessment over the text when you return from summer break.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. **Failure to have the assignments completed on the first day of class means you will lose your spot in the AP English Language and Composition Course. Please come prepared!**
2. **Please do not use outside sources for the assignments. This includes the internet and sharing work/working with peers. This is an individual assignment, not a partner or group project. All work should come from YOU and YOUR TEXT only.**

Again, please make sure you have both assignments completed upon your first day back to school. For the first week, please have a copy of your books. If you have any questions over the summer about the assignments or the course, please email me at sargiovannimaria@lakelocal.org.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with each one of you! Have a wonderful summer! See you soon and happy reading!

-Ms. Sargiovanni

