

A.P. Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to A.P. Language and Composition! This course will focus on rhetoric and writing. We will read a variety of non-fiction pieces, as well as two groundbreaking novels that used the rhetoric of fiction to rouse righteous indignation against the most egregious injustices of the 19th century. To keep your brains well-oiled and your writing skills sharp, we will begin early with these two assigned readings:

***Eats, Shoots, & Leaves: A zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation.* By Lynne Truss. Publisher: Penguin.**

This is listed at \$16.00, but you can find it cheaper on Amazon.

Truss highlights outrageous and absurd examples of miscommunication that can result from incorrect punctuation. This is one of the few grammar books that you can read from cover to cover and actually enjoy! Take your time with this and reflect on the rules. In the first week of school, you will be tested on the rules of punctuation that are outlined in this book.

***The Eloquent Essay: An Anthology of Classic and Creative Non-Fiction.* Edited by John Loughery. Publisher: Persea.**

You can get this new from Amazon for \$16.83

This excellent collection of essays includes a wide range of authors such as George Orwell, Martin Luther King Jr., and Carl Sagan. After reading each essay, you will write a 1-2 page journal response in a composition notebook. Your journal should include examples of personal, analytical, and critical responses. This composition notebook will be due on the first day of class.

Don't wait too long to start these assignments, and don't forget to enjoy your summer!

-Mr. Brennan

