

**AP English Language and Composition  
Summer Work 2024  
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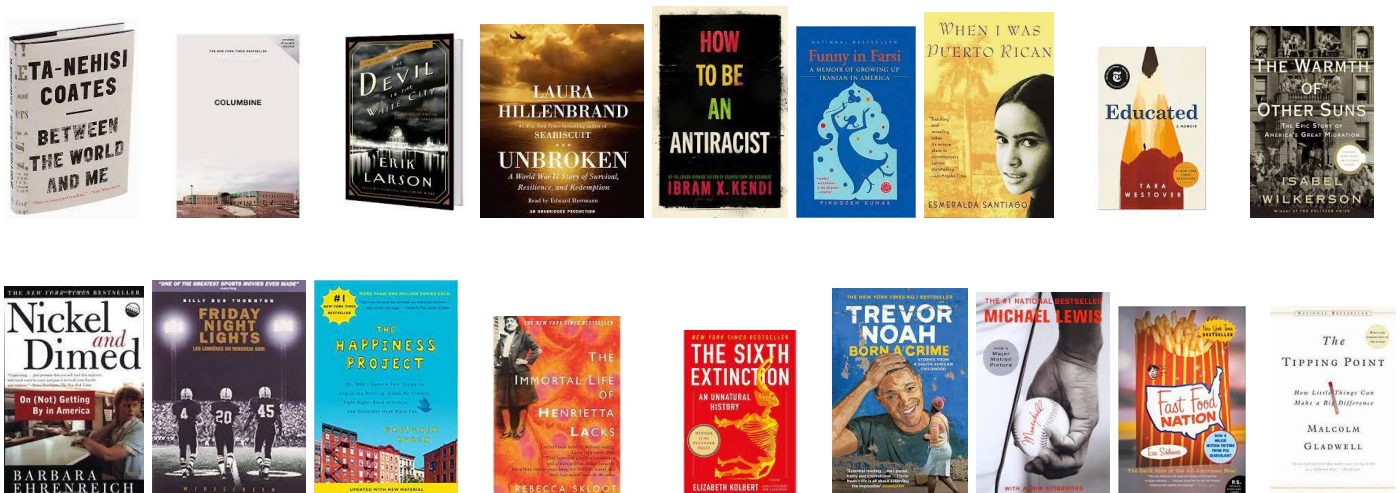
Welcome to AP English Language and Composition, an introductory college-level composition course that focuses on rhetorical analysis and writing. You will cultivate your understanding of writing and rhetorical arguments through reading, analyzing, and writing texts as you explore topics like the rhetorical situation, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style.

**This summer work is mandatory.** This summer reading and writing assignment will be critical in gauging how ready you are for the upcoming year of rigorous study. After our **meeting on April 30th**, if you believe this course is not for you, please contact your RHS counselor **immediately** to make the shift. Please email me (mbennett@ridgenet.org or pmundy@ridgenet.org) with any questions that you have over the summer.

**Step 1: Choose, read, and annotate a book** - Choose a book from the list below. As you read, mark passages with yellow sticky notes that answer the research question that goes with the book. You should mark between 20-30 passages in the book that relate to your research question. By each passage, explain how it answers your research question. You can mark your passages by....

- Underlining in the book if you own the book (explaining why you highlighted each quote in the margins)
- Using sticky notes (with the explanation of why you highlighted it on them)
- Tracking the quotes in a notebook (along with why you chose each quote)

I will check your annotations on the first day back. **They will be worth 30 summative points, and you cannot turn them in after the first day of class.**



Here is a complete list of the books along with the research question that you will respond to in your paper...

<b>Author</b>	<b>Book Titles</b>
Bissinger, H.G.	<i>Friday Night Lights</i> <b>Research Question: What role should sports play in American High Schools?</b>
Bryson, Bill	<i>A Walk in the Woods</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most effective ways for modern people to connect with nature?</b>
Coates, Ta-Nehisi	<i>Between the World and Me</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important effects of racism, both systemic and individual racism, on individuals?</b>
Cullen, Dave	<i>Columbine</i> <b>Research: How can America best stop school shootings from happening?</b>
Douglass, Frederick	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important effects of slavery on individuals?</b>
Dumas, Firoozeh	<i>Funny in Farsi</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important challenges faced by immigrants to the United States?</b>
Ehrenreich, Barbara	<i>Nickel and Dimed</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important effects of income inequality on individuals and society?</b>
Gladwell, Malcolm	<i>Outliers</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important things that successful people do?</b>
Hillenbrand, Laura	<i>Unbroken</i> <b>Research Question: What role should religion play in the life of the individual?</b>
Kendi, Ibram X.	<i>How to Be An Antiracist</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important effects of racism, both systemic and individual racism, on individuals?</b>
Kolbert, Elizabeth	<i>The Sixth Extinction</i> <b>Research Question: How can humanity best keep other species from going extinct?</b>
Larson, Eric	<i>The Devil in the White City</i> <b>Research Question: What were the most important effects of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair?</b>
Lewis, Michael	<i>Moneyball</i> <b>Research Question: What should the role of statistics be in modern sports?</b>

Noah, Trevor	<i>Born a Crime</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important effects of racism, both systemic and individual racism, on individuals?</b>
Rubin, Gretchen	<i>The Happiness Project</i> <b>Research Question: What is happiness, and how is it best achieved?</b>
Santiago, Esmeralda	<i>When I Was Puerto Rican</i> <b>Research Question: What are the most important challenges faced by newcomers to the continental United States?</b>
Schlosser, Eric	<i>Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal</i> <b>Research Question: Should we consume products made by unethical companies?</b>
Skloot, Rebecca	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> <b>Research Question: Should we use scientific knowledge that comes from questionable sources?</b>
Westover, Tara	<i>Educated: A Memoir</i> <b>Research Question: What role does education play in the life of the individual?</b>
Wilkerson, Isabel	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</i> <b>Research Question: What were the most important effects of the Great Migration?</b>

**Step 2: Research the Question** - After reading the book, decide on an answer to the Research Question. The answer to your research question will become the thesis statement of your Research Paper

**Step 3: Write the Paper** - Write a 4-6 page research paper with the answer to the Research Question as your thesis. The rubric I will be using to grade the paper is on the next page. If your paper does not meet the following requirements, it will not be counted as complete:

- Paper must be OVER four pages long and UNDER six pages long
- Paper MUST be in 12 point/ Times New Roman font, left-aligned, double spaced, and have standard (0.5") margins.
- You MUST have at least five (5) sources (including the book you read)
- You MUST use quotes from the book in your essay
- You MUST cite your sources using MLA style

**The sunset deadline for this assignment will be two weeks after the first day of classes**