

AP English Language and Composition: Summer work

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Welcome, AP Langers! AP English Language and Composition is a fast-paced course emphasizing nonfiction and argumentative writing and reading. I'm so glad you are going to be in my class!!! Completing the following summer work to the best of your ability will enable you to FULLY dive into the analysis of real-world issues we'll embark upon in the fall. It's going to be quite marvelous.

As you complete the following assignments, you may encounter words and ideas that are unfamiliar to you; when this happens, look up the word in a dictionary or on the internet, discuss the concepts with your peers and family, and generally do your best to understand. The written work you turn in should be your very own, as it will be used to assess your understanding of the concepts AND as a foundation for future learning.

Please read this ENTIRE document so you know what is expected of you. Email me with questions! cschlessner@roanokecatholic.com Do not delay and then make excuses. Do the work. NO LATE WORK ACCEPTED for SUMMER WORK, hence the name: SUMMER WORK.

All of your summer work should be typed and submitted to AP Lang Google Classroom in this format:

- Times New Roman, double spaced, size 12 font
- Correct MLA heading the left hand corner of your document

ALL 6 Podcast RESPONSES are due on Google Classroom by 11:59 the night before the first day of classes, which is Tuesday, August 23rd. So your assignment is due on August 22nd.

Don't email assignments to me. Assignments emailed to me, "shared", or submitted elsewhere (other than in Google Classroom) will not be accepted. This is high school. This is AP. This is the 21st century.

You have ample time during your weeks of summer to get this done, so anything not turned in WHEN DUE is a zero.

Your best. No less will do.

Podcast Expectations

One of the most difficult tasks in AP Language is to formulate written arguments on a wide variety of topics, and to support those arguments with your own knowledge of history, politics, literature, art, and more. Summer is a marvelous time to give yourself a boost by taking a deep dive into subjects that are new and interesting to you.

Instructions:

- **REQUIRED:** Choose one of the informational podcasts from the following list, and listen to at least 6-10 episodes over the course of the summer. (You **MAY** listen to more than one podcast this summer, but your written responses should all be for the same one.) Yes, I realize you might already be enjoying a podcast or can “find” others of merit, but stick to the plethora of choice I have provided.
- **OPTIONAL:** Reading Notes are not required, (RESPONSES are.....keep reading) but you will have to recall details from some episodes in your responses. Reading Notes help students who struggle to retain information from listening. I am among those students....so I take reading notes all. the. time.
- **REQUIRED:** Choose **SIX** episodes of a single podcast on which to write responses. (You will write a total of **SIX** responses.)
- **REQUIRED:** Each response must be at least 250 words (about half a page of writing) and should include personal response, analysis, and questions that emerged from the episode. **DO NOT MERELY SUMMARIZE.** Use the following questions as a guide:
 - * What do I know/understand now that I didn't before?
 - * How did this episode change the way I think about something?
 - * What is a thought, idea, or perspective that I might not have considered if I hadn't encountered this episode?
- **REQUIRED:** Please include an MLA-style citation of the podcast episode discussed on each response. Click here for guidelines:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_works_cited_other_common_sources.html

Do **NOT** just copy and paste the URL, duh.

And, please feel free to reach out during the summer if you have questions.

And, you've probably noticed that there is not a book for you to read as a summer assignment for AP. Feel free to read as you like, and view as you like, and observe the world as you like, **BUT** definitely get out and participate in your world this summer. Relax. Be active.

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Interesting Podcasts to Expand your Knowledge

How to listen

- Podcasts can be downloaded for free on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and a number of other websites and apps. Or, you can stream directly from the website on a computer or electronic device.
- Most podcast episodes are 45-60 minutes long, but some are much shorter, around 15 minutes. If you choose a shorter podcast, you should listen to more episodes, or double up.
- Podcasts are typically published once per week on a specific day. You may choose to listen from the beginning, listen to a whole “season,” or listen to new episodes as they are published (a good option if your podcast is about current events).
- Some of these come with a content/language warning. If you get offended, move on, or don't; sometimes it's good to be uncomfortable.

1. Podcasts for keeping up on recent news:

a. The Daily:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/20/podcasts/the-daily/jobs-economy-coronavirus.html>

b. Up, First

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510318/up-first>

c. Planet Money

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510289/planet-money>

d. It's Been A Minute

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510317/its-been-a-minute-with-sam-sanders>

Each week, It's Been a Minute features people in the culture who deserve your attention. Plus weekly wraps of the news with journalists in the know. Join us to make sense of the world through conversation.

2. This American Life:

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/>

A weekly public radio show, heard by 2.2 million people on more than 500 stations. Another 2.5 million people download the weekly podcast. It is hosted by Ira Glass and has won all of the major broadcasting awards. Really excellent storytelling on a wide variety of topics.

3. The Argument

<https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-argument>

Three journalists, one conservative, one moderate, and one liberal, discuss various political and cultural issues of the day.

4. Codeswitch

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/>

Hosted by journalists of color, this podcast tackles the subject of race head-on. They explore how it impacts every part of society—from politics and pop culture to history, sports and everything in between. This podcast makes ALL OF US part of the conversation—because we're all part of the story.

5. Revisionist History

<https://www.pushkin.fm/show/revisionist-history/>

Revisionist History is Malcolm Gladwell's journey through the overlooked and the misunderstood. Every episode re-examines something from the past — an event, a person, an idea, even a song — and asks whether we got it right the first time. Because sometimes the past deserves a second chance.

6. Uncivil

<https://gimletmedia.com/shows/uncivil>

A history podcast where we go back to the time our divisions turned to war (The Civil War), and bring you stories left out of the official history.

7. The Stoop

<http://www.thestoop.org/>

The Stoop podcast digs into stories that are not always shared out in the open. Hosts Leila Day and Hana Baba start conversations about what it means to be black and how we talk about blackness. It's a celebration of black joy with a mission to dig deeper into stories that we don't hear enough about.

8. Latina to Latina

<https://www.latinatolatina.com/>

In often-hilarious and always-revealing episodes, Alicia Menendez and her guests take on the challenges of existing, and then thriving, as Latinas. They talk about everything, from growing their companies and careers, caring for their families, and breaking down the systems that keep many of us out. Through the laughter and sometimes tears, these intimate conversations feel like we're listening to and learning from our most trusted friend. Latina-owned, produced, and made with love.

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9. The History Chicks:

<http://thehistorychicks.com/>

Because we don't teach you enough about women's history in school.

10. On Being

<https://onbeing.org/series/podcast/>

A Peabody Award-winning public radio show and podcast. What does it mean to be human? How do we want to live? And who will we be to each other? Each week a new discovery about the immensity of our lives.

11. Radio Lab

<https://radiolab.org/>

A radio show and podcast weaving stories and science into sound and music-rich documentaries.

12. Stuff You Should Know

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/stuff-you-should-know/id278981407>

Over 1400 episodes about stuff you should know. One of my favorites.

13. The Hidden Brain

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=510308>

Shankar Vedantam uses science and storytelling to reveal the unconscious patterns that drive human behavior, shape our choices and direct our relationships.

14. 1619

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

An audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.