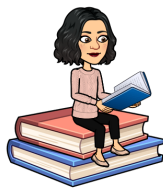


## AP English Language and Composition

### Summer Reading Assignments 2022



Dear Students-

Welcome to AP English Language and Composition! My name is Ms. Sargiovanni. This will be my ninth year teaching at Lake. I attended Kent State University for my Bachelor of Science Degree in Education (ELA 7-12th grade), I am currently attending Kent State University for my masters in Library and Information Science, and I am certified through the College Board to teach the AP class. I teach Freshman English and AP English to all Juniors. I love coffee, ice cream, 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 (these texts are already read in other courses): *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*, *We Should all be Feminists*, *All But My Life*, *Dry Tears*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Other Victims*, *Night*, *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of Emmett Till*, *Into Thin Air*, *Unbroken*, *Positive*, *How to Read Literature like a Professor*.
- 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:
  - Borrow from our library! Mrs. Peterson would be happy to help you find a book before you leave for the summer. You get to check out FIVE books for the summer! :)
  - Order from Amazon, BAM, Thrift Books, etc.
  - Download a digital version (Kindle, E-books, audio, etc.)
    - Hoopla, SORA and Libby are a few of my favorite free apps. If you have a Stark County Library card (or any library card), you can access the books for free!
- When you search for the book, make sure it is categorized as “nonfiction.” It can be a memoir, “How to” book, “Self Help” book, biography, historical (**please don't read a historical fiction book by accident**), etc. If you have any questions about your book choice, please email me.

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**).
  - This is the author's last name and page number
  - (Lee 209)
- 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.**
- **Please include an MLA works cited at the end that matches your in-text citations for the quotes.**

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 on the first day of class.**

## 2. *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

- This year you will read some classic American Literature pieces by various writers-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:
  - There are a few copies available in our library that you can borrow for the summer! See Mrs. Peterson for details.
  - Order from Amazon, BAM, Thrift Books, 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. **Both assignments will be summative grades-please do your best, thoroughly read your text, follow all instructions, and do not plagiarize.**
3. **If you read the wrong text for the non fiction assignment (one of the ones listed above not to read or a book that is fiction or not categorized as non fiction), you will be asked to redo the assignment for half credit-please email me if you would like me to verify your choice.**
4. **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. All Academic Dishonesty procedures will be followed if the work is plagiarized.**

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](mailto: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

