



11AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP English! Your enrollment in this course indicates that you are interested in challenging yourself with an advanced level of English. The demands of the course begin over the summer with several independent assignments.

These assignments are due on the first day of class (September 6). Late assignments will be collected until Monday, September 12, with a 5 point deduction per day late. Students who fail to turn in the assignments by Monday will receive a zero. The assignments will count toward 10% of your first quarter grade. Additionally, these assignments will be the starting off point for our initial discussion and class work.

I look forward to taking this literary journey with you in September.

Enjoy your summer!

Mrs. Cangelosi

Assignment #1:

Read *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway. Conduct a close reading of the novel with an eye on themes, characterization, structure, imagery, diction, and point of view. During your reading you will carefully **annotate** the work of literature (since you cannot write directly in the books, I suggest using sticky notes!). You will then write a 1-2-page typed literary analysis of the novel stemming from **one** quote of *your choice* that is reflective of a major **theme** in the novel. Be prepared to share your insights!

Assignment #2:

Read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Conduct a close reading of the novel with an eye on themes, characterization, structure, imagery, diction, and point of view. During your reading you will carefully **annotate** the work of literature (since you cannot write directly in the books, I suggest using sticky notes!). You will then write a 1-2-page typed literary analysis of the novel stemming from **one** quote of *your choice* that is reflective of a major **theme** in the novel. Be prepared to share your insights!

Assignment #3:

Choose a controversial, debatable issue that is currently affecting society. It should be something that interests you as you will be following it closely over the course of the summer. Please maintain a folder of text examples of various viewpoints on your particular issue (to be collected). These should reflect a variety of sources: newspaper, print magazine, internet, books, journal publication, etc. Then write a 1-page typed expository response on the issue you have followed.

Assignment #4:

You will need to be **invited** to our class website at <http://cangelosienglish.pbworks.com> to access the list of “101 AP Terms” under the “Pages & Files” tab. You will need to make yourself familiar with these terms and their definitions by completing each column for all terms with detailed and accurate information in *your own words* (there are a myriad of print and internet sources for you to use as **reference**). This packet will be the starting off point for our first major project.

**** All papers should be typed adhering to MLA formatting and guidelines ****