

2025-26 Summer Assignment
AP Language and Composition
Barden and Medors

Welcome to AP Lang! This course will focus on *nonfiction texts*, rhetorical analysis, and argumentation. Unlike your previous English classes, we will not be reading stories or poetry. This course will require you to integrate your previous knowledge in other subjects to answer unique, thought-provoking, and open-ended questions. Knowing a little something about a variety of topics can really help you succeed.

Therefore, this summer we are requiring you to read **5 articles** from **5 different subjects** and write a short (one paragraph) response to them. Below you will find a chart of *suggested* websites to find your articles. The subjects are purposely broad so that you can read articles that you find interesting. When you finish an article, you will write a paragraph response that includes:

1. Who is the author? What do you know about them? You might need to Google the author.
2. What do you think is the author's purpose in writing this article? To entertain, inform, persuade, or a mix?
3. Who do you think is the author's intended audience? Sure, anyone can find it on the Internet, but is the author trying to reach a particular type of person? How do you know?
4. Overall, what did you learn from the article? Did anything surprise you? Do you particularly agree/disagree with something they said? Explain.

Please clearly label each paragraph with the title of the article and where you found it. **You may not use online encyclopedia articles (Wikipedia, Britanica, etc) for this assignment.**

Subject/Topic	Suggested Websites
News/Current Events	NPR, Reuters, BBC, The New York Times, NBC News, The Washington Post, CNN, CBS News
Pop Culture/Entertainment/Art/Sports	The A.V. Club, Pitchfork, Rolling Stone, Variety, Vulture, ARTNews, ESPN
Science/Psychology	Nature, Scientific American, Science Daily, National Geographic, Psychology Today
History/Philosophy	Philosophy Now, Smithsonian
Human Interest/Anything That Doesn't Fit Neatly Into Another Category	Pricenomics, Upworthy

Your article responses should be HANDWRITTEN and will be due the first week of school. This will count as a quiz grade.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Barden at kbarden@npsc.k12.in.us or Mrs. Medors at angiemedors@npsc.k12.in.us.