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## SHS AP Language and Composition (11) Summer Reading Requirements

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Hello AP Language students!

In preparation for class next year, you should save time for your summer reading selections.

Your first set of mandatory readings will come from *The New Yorker* magazine and/or *Atlantic Monthly* magazine. The College Board consistently chooses selections from these two periodicals as passages on the AP exam. Reading articles this summer will give you a good sense of the level of reading that we will tackle all year.

1. Choose any five articles from current issues or back issues; the date of each magazine does not matter. Be sure to choose substantial, non-fiction articles, not blogs, short columns or side bars. Also, do not confuse *New York* magazine (an entertainment publication) with *The New Yorker*. You can access full-text articles online at [www.newyorker.com](http://www.newyorker.com) and [www.theatlantic.com](http://www.theatlantic.com).
2. Underline important words, phrases, and ideas as you read. ALSO, take notes directly on the article in the margins that reveal what you notice and why these elements stand out to you and contribute to the author's purpose/technique. You must do more than just underline things on the page to earn full credit. Please print out any articles that you access online and photocopy any articles from magazines borrowed from the library!
3. Bring all five articles (with your notations) to class on the first day of school.

In addition, please read *Essays of E.B. White*. Keep a typed journal of your reading. For each essay, explain White's purpose (in other words, what is his overall point in each essay?) and identify and explain one key quotation that works to contribute to that purpose. Limit each quotation explanation to about a paragraph. This TYPED work will be due the first week of school. Your AP Language teacher will give you more details on the first day of class. *Note: This is individual work; you may not share your responses with others or work together. To authenticate it as your own, we will require you to submit it for an electronic plagiarism check upon return to school. Students who share or who copy someone else's work will be subject to disciplinary action.*

Any reading above and beyond these assignments is optional.

Have a great summer! We look forward to next year.

Sincerely,

Your SHS AP Language Teachers

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