



## AP English Language & Composition Summer Reading

**DUE DATE: September 14, 2022**

Absolutely no late work will be accepted for summer reading.

Annotations may be put in the book itself, using sticky notes, or on paper.

Summer reading assignments and tests will account for no more than 10% of your 1st quarter grade.

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"A cat who bites means to fight.  
But a cat who gently claws your leg is making an argument: *Pay me attention. I want food/play/love/access to high places.*"

## Assignment Directions:

Hello and welcome to AP English Language and Composition! I am so excited to meet all of you in August. AP Lang is a great opportunity to deepen your writing and argumentation skills with the potential of earning college credit. The summer reading selection, *How To Argue With a Cat*, presents foundational information and skills for the course. You will need to read and annotate it over the summer and be ready to use this new knowledge in August and throughout the 2022-2023 school year. You will need to get a copy for yourself (either borrow from a library or purchase).

### BOOK TO READ:

*How to Argue with a Cat: A Human's Guide to the Art of Persuasion* By Jay Heinrichs

ISBN-10: 163565274X OR ISBN-13: 978-1635652741

### ASSIGNMENT: ANNOTATING THE BOOK

As you read *How To Argue With a Cat*, you may either annotate directly in your copy of the book or on a separate sheet of paper. In this class, I focus on quality over quantity and I do NOT base your grade on just completion. Try your best to showcase what you're thinking about while reading and how you're connecting those ideas to your life experiences and knowledge. Don't worry if you don't know all the terms. Soon enough, the language of rhetoric will be central to your existence! Strong annotations are present throughout the entire book and comment on patterns, new ideas, connections, etc. and will receive full credit.

