

AP English Language and Composition Summer Assignment 2020
Palm Harbor University High School
(Medical and University)

Dear Incoming AP Students,

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! You have chosen to spend a year working hard to become a better reader, writer, and thinker. Registering to take an AP course in high school proves that you are a dedicated learner and eager for a challenge. Because AP classes are designed to simulate college-level courses, the expectations and work load are heavier than in the traditional English classes you have experienced so far. Diligence and hard work in this course will lead you toward earning college credit on the AP exam in May.

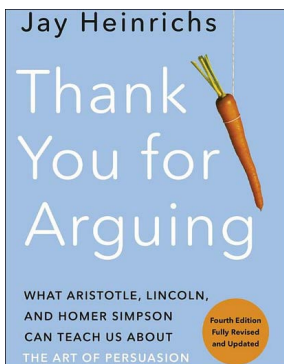
Your summer reading assignment will begin to build a foundation for your learning. These concepts will be referenced all year long; therefore, completion of the summer reading is imperative. Start early and give yourself enough time. Should you have any questions about the summer assignment, please contact Ms. Mackenzie: Mackenzie@pcsb.org.

Have a relaxing and safe summer vacation. We are looking forward to working with you in the fall!

Please be aware that students will be held responsible for the assignments on the first week of the fall semester. If a student chooses to change the level of course or class or program over the summer, the student will be held responsible for the summer assignments for the courses reflected on the schedule for the first week of school. If you have questions regarding which course you are enrolled in for the fall, please contact your guidance counselor or view your course requests in Focus.

[Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion](#)

by Jay Heinrichs. ISBN-13: 978-0593237380. It is strongly suggested that you purchase the book to own if possible.



Rhetorical Toolbox: As you read the the book, make a list of the tools and strategies discussed in each chapter. This does not need to be a simple vocab list nor does it need to cover every single idea; you may also include any bits of wisdom or humor you find in Heinrich’s writing. For example, Heinrichs cleverly alludes to history and pop-culture to draw thought-provoking analogies. Make connections and feel free to add your own ideas in your notes also. As you read, you will want to annotate the chapters as well. See below for helpful annotation tips and suggestions. This process is important if you are to digest the material.

Annotating a Text: Annotation helps you engage in, have a conversation with, and better understand what you read. The following articles discuss how to annotate and take notes effectively. YouTube also has a number of great videos on how to annotate. Find an annotation style that works for you and stick to it.

- “How to Mark a Book,” by Mortimer J. Adler, Ph.D. at <http://tnellen.com/cybereng/adler.html>
- “How to Mark a Book” at SlowReads.com at <http://slowreads.com/ResourcesHowToMarkABook-Outline.htm>
- Dustin Wax’s “Advice for Students: Taking Notes that Work” at <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/featured/advice-for-students-taking-notes-that-work.html>