

12 AP Summer Assignment 2025

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The AP Language and Composition course is designed to hone your skills as a reader and writer. Assignments will focus on investigation of four “enduring understandings” in the words of the College Board. These concepts include understanding of **the rhetorical situation** of works, **claims and evidence** that support it, **reasoning and organization**, and **style**. Work in the class will involve challenging reading and writing, with close analysis of these concepts.

To prepare for the class you have a two part summer assignment. It is expected this will be completed before the first class in September. **You may not use AI for any aspect of these assignments.**

Part 1: Writing Analysis

Select three essays from *The Oxford Book of Essays*. Read them carefully and consider what inspired the author to create the essay, what their thesis is, how they support it, and how their style affects the reading experience. For each essay, write a one-page response that discusses these issues, and considers the techniques they use to express ideas and connect with their audience.

Note that for older works, the audience may have been significantly different, so this affects how the author chose to express themselves. Your responses should be well-organized, clear, and interesting to read. Some summary of the essay will be necessary, but please do not simply recap what you have read. Your job is to assess the qualities of the writer’s work. Think in terms of literary devices and techniques, language use, and structure. You are strongly encouraged to use examples from the text to support your points.

Works should be turned in via Google Classroom by August 25.

Part 2: Practice AP Exam

I’m providing you with a practice AP examination to complete. The exam is in two sections, multiple choice and free response. Give yourself one hour without electronic devices or distractions to complete the multiple choice questions. The free response section consists of three essays. Give yourself fifteen minutes to read the materials and two hours to write the responses. Again, this time should be device free. Work should be legible and thoughtful.

Sample exams should be handed to me on the first day of class in September.

Late work will not be accepted. Please email me at mckeebym@apcsd.org if you have any questions. Please do not email me with last minute excuses about why you were unable to complete your work. I recognize that emergencies arise, but it is your responsibility to manage your time wisely. Do not leave this until the last minute.