

AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment:

Select one book from the list below. After reading and taking notes on the book, find two short articles or essays that address the topic covered in the book; read and take notes on the articles/essays.

Then write an essay of approximately 3 typed, double-spaced pages that summarizes the **claim or argument of the book** and that addresses it in one or more of the following ways: **supports the claim; opposes the claim; or supports the claim but with qualifiers or limitations to that support.** You need to include a minimum of four quotations from the book and one quotation from each article in your response to the book's argument. Be sure to cite the page number of each quote from the book at the end of the quotes.

Essay due date: Friday, September 10

I. Books about work and education in our society:

Work, Studs Terkel
Nickel and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich
Bait and Switch, Barbara Ehrenreich
The End of Education, Neil Postman
A Class Apart, Alec Klein
Amazing Grace, Jonathan Kozol
Outliers, Malcolm Gladwell
Weapons of Mass Instruction, John Gatto
Doing School, Denise Clark Pope

II. International Crises: Food, Water, the Environment

Freakonomics, Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner
Hotel Rwanda, Terry George
Silent Spring, Rachel Carson
An Inconvenient Truth, Al Gore
Fast Food Nation, Eric Schlosser
The Forever War, Dexter Filkins
The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century (3.0), Thomas Friedman
How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization, Franklin Foer
The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism, Naomi Klein
The Merchant of Death, Douglas Farah and Stephen Braun

III. Religion and public life; religion and government

The Culture of Disbelief, Stephen Carter
The God Delusion, Richard Dawkins
Saving the Bible from Fundamentalists, John Shelby Spong
God is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything, Christopher Hitchens
Taming the Gods: Religion and Democracy on Three Continents, Ian Buruma

IV. The American character; cultural diversity; American values

Democracy in America, Alexis de Tocqueville

Habits of the Heart, Bellah, Madsen, Sullivan, Swidler, Tipton

How to Win Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie

The Feminine Mystique, Betty Friedan

I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ed. James M. Washington

Here I Stand, Paul Robeson

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown

A Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson

Bright Sided, Barbara Ehrenreich

V. Popular stereotypes; the media's influence on our society; social networking; the Internet

Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs, Klosterman

The Purity Myth, Jessica Valenti

Why They Kill, Richard Rhodes

Generation Me, Jean M. Twenge

Free Culture, Lawrence Lessig