

## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT – AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE 11 – MRS. ANNE EHLERS

I look forward to working with you next year in AP English Language and Composition. In order to prepare for the year ahead, I am providing you with the following summer reading assignment. Please read all information carefully.

*First, why not select a book and read for the sheer joy of it? The RHS “good times” reading list has something for everyone ...manga, poetry, urban fiction, classics, best sellers, movie tie-ins, pop culture, physics, cadavers, science-fiction, romance, music, math, basketball, humor, danger, adventure, science, history, and more.*

*The **RHS Summer Reading 2009** list and the **MCPS Summer Reading 2009** list, providing support for parents/guardians and students as they make appropriate reading selections, are available at the following sites:*

[http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/media\\_center.shtml](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rockvillehs/media_center.shtml)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

*You will be required to answer selected survey questions about your summer reading experience upon your return to RHS in August 2009*

### Introduction to the Assignment

Over the summer, you will select and read TWO texts from the summer reading lists. One of the texts must be nonfiction; the other can be from whatever genre interests you. After reading each text, you will write a CSI essay (Claim Support Interpretation) and submit this essay to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). When you return from summer break, be prepared to complete an in-class writing assignment on one of the selections.

### Materials/Access Needed

1. **Texts:** Chosen from the summer reading lists, one nonfiction and one free choice.
2. **Internet Access:** You will submit your assignments online. If you do not have internet access at home, please use the public library.
3. **Turnitin.com Account:** you will need to create an account on [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com), if you do not have one already. You will then need to add the AP English 11 class to your account. You will submit both of your assignments via this website which we will use all year.

Here is a link to the Student Quick Start Guide: our student quickstart:  
[http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii\\_student\\_qs.pdf](http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii_student_qs.pdf)

class: [AP English Language 11 Summer Work](#)

- class ID: 2731790
- enrollment password: ap11

## Procedure

1. Review the MCPS/RHS summer reading lists carefully. Talk to friends and family—ask for recommendations. Go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or a similar site to read reviews and sample pages. Go to the library or bookstore to try on a few titles and see how they fit your interests.
2. Select one nonfiction and one free choice from the list.
3. After you finish reading each of the texts, answer the following question: What is the most important sentence in the text?
  - a. Select one sentence. Type it at the top of the page—along with the book title, author, and page number.
  - b. Write a claim sentence arguing that this sentence is the most important in the text.
  - c. Provide at least three Direct References to the Text (DRT) as evidence from the text that supports your claim. Remember your two jobs here are to convince me
    - i. that you read and understood your book AND
    - ii. That you can provide effective support
  - d. Interpret each DRT: What does it mean? How does the evidence support your claim?
  - e. Conclude your argument with a final sentence explaining this sentence’s importance to you personally.
4. After you complete this essay, submit it to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) under our class “Assignments” tab.
5. Complete this process for the second text.
6. Post a review of each book on Turnitin.com under the Discussion tab. Be sure to include the title, author, and genre, as well as a paragraph persuading your peers to read this book.

## Assessment

The FOUR parts of this assignment will be assessed as follows.

1. Two book reviews: HW for Practice/Preparation
2. A CSI essay on a Nonfiction text: Formative Assessment
3. A CSI essay on a Free-Choice text: Formative Assessment
4. In-Class Argument Essay using evidence from one of the texts (to be completed upon return to school): Summative Assessment

## Contact Me

If you find you do not understand an aspect of the assignment and need clarification, please send me an email.

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