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Dear AP Language and Composition Students:

As you are aware, the rigor and pace of the AP English courses are different from previous English courses in your student's high school career. To help facilitate the demands of these courses, summer reading is a mandatory component. The AP instructors feel that the student who commits to the summer reading requirement is a student who is willing to devote the time and energies required of the AP courses.

Students enrolling in **AP Language and Composition** (11th grade) are required to complete the following checklist for the 2018-2019 school year:

- _____ Read and annotate a series of SIX (6) articles. Students MUST print each article to perform a close read of the text. All articles are available through the following Google Drive link:
 - <https://drive.google.com/a/yorktown.k12.in.us/file/d/0B7pvkKZdJ2r8WE1PaEJmYVdoQ0U/view?usp=sharing>
- _____ Take a position on the following argument: **What exactly is the value of having school-sponsored programs in high school? Are the costs—in money and time—worth those benefits?** You should be ready to defend your position with both evidence from the articles AND your own research. Please bring your notes detailing your position's validity with you to our first day of class.
- _____ Be prepared to write an in-class essay. This essay will require both in-depth knowledge on the assigned articles and a strong position on the argument detailed in step 2. You will be expected to write the essay on the second class meeting.
- _____ Be prepared for a quiz concerning the information included in each article. This quiz will also take place during the second class meeting.

Please note that you are expected to come prepared with annotated texts and personal notes on the first day of class. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me by email this summer. I look forward to an engaging and challenging year of AP Language study.

Sincerely,

Katie McClung

Mrs. Katie McClung
AP Language and Composition Instructor

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