

## ENG 405: Advanced Placement English Language & Composition Summer Reading

AP Language & Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of any genre from a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. This course will focus on the study of great, controversial, terrible, and beautiful ideas while examining the interaction between the writer's purpose, subjects, and audience expectations. This summer you will begin this wonderful adventure by looking more closely at the details that make up your world and the themes that guide your life.

### View:

Developing skills to see and understand multiple perspectives in every situation is a major component of this course. Watch the Youtube video below and practice seeing things from multiple angles. Write down the "insights" it provides you with about yourself; don't take it too seriously. We will discuss the video, its topic, and your responses in class.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4F26qITNzw>

### Read ONE book from the following titles:

1. *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote
2. *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza
3. *Soldier Girls* by Helen Thorpe
4. *Outliers; The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell
5. *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel
6. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
7. *Maus: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History (Maus #1)* by Art Spiegelman

### Read ONE memoir from the following titles:

1. *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin
2. *Bossy Pants* by Tina Fey
3. *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barack Obama
4. *I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
5. *Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston
6. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
7. *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
8. *Persepolis (#1)* by Marjane Satrapi

### Write:

- Create a written record of your responses to the above video.
- Bring a draft of a college essay/personal essay – NOT the essay created in English class as a junior. This new personal essay will be your first conferenced paper.
- Completion of a Reader Response Journal for your chosen **memoir** from above **which will be collected on the first day of class.** (See below for directions, a rubric, and an example.)

If you have the time and inclination, please select further summer reading from the attached list of College Board referenced works.