

AP English Language and Composition
2022 Summer Reading Assignment
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For AP English Language and Composition, we are reading short essays out of this book:

****50 Essays: *A Portable Anthology 6th Edition* Samuel Cohen**
ISBN: 978-1319194468

Very Important Information:

You will need to purchase the book yourself.

Make sure you get the **6th Edition** and that you DO NOT get an electronic version.

You should carefully read and annotate the essays that are listed below. You can, of course, read all of the essays but only the essays listed below are required.

These essays will serve as crucial foundations for key ideas in the course and also provide us an opportunity to begin the year with meaningful discussions from our shared observations about our summer reading.

- “Graduation” Maya Angelou
- “Notes of a Native Son” James Baldwin
- “The Burning Desire for Hot Chicken” Danny Chau
- “Only Daughter” Sandra Cisneros
- “Clearcut: Explaining the Distance” Eli Clare
- “The Paranoid Style of American Policing” Ta-Nehisi Coates
- “The Myth of the Latin Woman: I Just Met a Girl Named Maria” Judith Ortiz Cofer
- “Serving in Florida” Barbara Ehrenreich
- “On Dumpster Diving” Lars Eighner
- “The Ways We Lie” Stephanie Ericsson
- “Small Change: Why the Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted” Malcolm Gladwell
- “Going It Alone” Rahawa Haile
- “When Pink Ballet Slippers Won’t Do” Jenine Holmes
- “Salvation” Langston Hughes
- “How It Feels to Be Colored Me” Zora Neale Hurston {over→}
- “The Ugly Tourist” Jamaica Kincaid
- “The Fourth of July” Audre Lorde
- “The Ghosts in Our Machines” Matthew J.X. Malady
- “Two Ways to Belong in America” Bharati Mukherjee
- “Indian Heads” Tommy Orange
- “I Just Wanna Be Average” Mike Rose
- “Just Walk on By: Black Men and Public Space” Brent Staples

- “A Modest Proposal” Jonathan Swift
- “Civil Disobedience” Henry David Thoreau
- “The Refugee Crisis Isn’t About Refugees. It’s About Us.” Ai Weiwei
- “Slang in America” Walt Whitman
- “Professions for Women” Virginia Woolf
- “A Pet Tortoise Who Will Outlive Us All” Hanya Yanagihara