

## AP English Language & Composition: Summer Reading 2023

Welcome to AP English Language & Comp!

This particular course begins with a study of memoirs, which is our first unit of the school year. Reading a memoir over the summer gives us a common text to analyze and lays the groundwork for the rest of our studies. Keep in mind that summer work is *required* and your efforts will set the tone for your experiences in this class.

Please read the memoir *Educated* by Tara Westover over the summer. While reading this memoir, look for (and take notes on) any of the following things:

Irony (Situational, Verbal, Dramatic)

Syntax

- Sentence structure
- Repetition
- Length of sentences
- Importance of ends of sections/chapters

Diction

- Repeated words or patterns
- Especially positive or negative words
- Big words, small words, technical or content-specific words

Literary/Rhetorical Elements

- Metaphors, Similes
- Imagery
- Anaphora, Personification, Hyperbole, Antithesis, etc.

Selection of Detail

- Specific details that serve a greater purpose than simply informing
- The order in which information is presented to the reader - most is not given chronologically
- Point of View
- Does it shift? Is it the result of an emotional or psychological change?
- Is the perspective different from how the reader might expect it?
- Author's purpose//technique/main meaning or ideas
- What is the author attempting to convey?
- Who is she attempting to convey it to?

Try to take notes on a variety of elements so you have choices when it comes time to write the essay the second week we are in school.

Please note we will **write an in-class essay about this memoir on 9/8.**

PLEASE email me ([lmunger@nwr7.org](mailto:lmunger@nwr7.org)) with any questions at any point in the summer. I am happy to discuss the book or the assignment with you at any point. I am so looking forward to working with each of you!

See you soon,

Ms. Munger