

AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment 2023



Contact Information: AP Lang Remind 101 Code: @lang2223

This summer assignment offers you a chance to create a database of information you will use throughout the school year. You are **required** to actively engage in reading and writing **prior** to taking this class. You will compile a digital portfolio of analysis and writing based on your experiences as a reader and a writer.

This will be **due August 11th and will be a significant portion of your first semester grade.**

We look forward to working with you next year. If you have any questions regarding this assignment, you can email us at griffins2@fultonschools.org.

Students, join our AP Lang Summer Assignment Remind: @lang2223.

Digital Portfolio Requirements

Required Materials:

Technology

Join the Summer Assignment Remind using the code above.

Required Texts: *There are digital versions available, but you may purchase your own copy if you wish to write in the book.

- *Thank You for Arguing, Third Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion* by Jay Heinrichs.
- *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah*

Assignment #1 (30pts): **Read Thank You for Arguing by Jay Heinrichs Chapters 1-18 pgs 1-214.**

As you read the text, create digital flashcards using the template provided for the following:

- Each bold vocabulary word
- Each “Useful Figure” box
- Each “Meanings” box
- Each “Argument Tool” box

Your card should have *the category title, the word, and the page number in parenthesis* on one side and *your definition, example, and/or a summary of the information* on the other side.

Note: We’re **not** looking for the book definition, you have those already. We’re looking for you to make sense of the words and tools. These cards are for **you** to use ALL YEAR as a reference.

*If the vocabulary word shows up in more than one of the boxes, you only need one card, but you can add extra information to your existing card if it is given.

Sample Card:

Useful Figure: Syncrisis (3)	Reframes an argument by changing the question asked Ex: 1: Who used all the toothpaste? 2: That's not the point, is it? The point is how we're going to keep this from happening again. *think politician avoidance tactics
------------------------------	---

Assignment #2 (40pts): Read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah*

As you read *Born a Crime*, track which techniques from *Thank You For Arguing* you see in the book. You must have a minimum of TEN entries.

***Content Warning:** Please be advised there are some **graphic scenes** and **coarse language** depicted within this text. This language is a choice made by the writer for a specific reason, and the choice of content speaks directly to the author's purpose. If you feel that this text is too graphic for your student, please have him/her read *Born a Crime: Adapted for Young Readers* edition.

Per College Board, "Issues that might, from particular social, historical, or cultural viewpoints, be considered controversial, including references to ethnicities, nationalities, religions, races, dialects, gender, or class, may be addressed in texts that are appropriate for the AP English Language and Composition course. Fair representation of issues and peoples may occasionally include controversial material." (Course and Exam Description, pg. 86)

Assignment #3 (30pts): Write an Argument

Noah argues for a complete understanding of the atrocities and the legacies of apartheid in South Africa. When describing Alexandra, he compares it to the "slums in Mumbai or the favelas in Brazil" (p. 202).

Review [Jay Smooth's video](#) that explains institutionalized racism.

Respond to one of the three options below:

- **Type a 250-500 word response** that argues how institutionalized racism has affected Alexandra and other places in South Africa.
- **Type a 250-500 word response** that argues what institutionalized racism suggests about the impact of upward mobility.
- **Type a 250-500 word response** that argues what institutionalized racism suggests about the possibility of equality for black South Africans.

Some teacher advice:

- This is a lengthy assignment. Doing it the week before school starts will not only be difficult and stressful for you, but it will also drastically lower the quality of your work. Read or write a little bit every week, and you will produce much better work. See Pacing Schedule below:

Summer Reading Pacing Schedule *HEAVILY SUGGESTED*

June 1 TYFA: Read Chapter 1 and make note cards	June 2 TYFA Chapter 2 and make note cards	June 3 TYFA Chapter 3 and make note cards	June 4 TYFA Chapter 4 and make note cards	June 5 Complete a “Try This”; journal entry
June 8 TYFA Chapter 5 and make note cards	June 9 TYFA Chapter 6 and make note cards	June 10 TYFA Chapter 7 and make note cards	June 11 TYFA Chapter 8 and make note cards	June 12 Complete a “Try This”; journal entry
June 15 TYFA Chapter 9 and make note cards	June 16 TYFA Chapter 10 and make note cards	June 17 TYFA Chapter 11 and make note cards	June 18 TYFA Chapter 12 and make note cards	June 19 TYFA Chapter 13 and make note cards
June 22 TYFA Chapter 14 and make note cards	June 23 TYFA Chapter 16 and make note cards	June 24 TYFA Chapter 17 and make note cards	June 25 TYFA Chapter 18 and make note cards	June 26 Complete a “Try This”; journal entry
June 29 Turn in Note Cards and Journal Entries	June 30 Begin Born a Crime and track techniques. Approx. 15 pgs/day	July 1 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 2 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 3 Born a Crime and track techniques
July 6 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 9 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 10 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 11 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 12 Born a Crime and track techniques
July 13 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 16 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 17 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 18 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 19 Born a Crime and track techniques
July 20 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 23 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 24 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 25 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 26 Born a Crime and track techniques
July 27 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 28 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 29 Born a Crime and track techniques	July 30 Write argument response	July 31 Turn in Technique Tracker and Argument