

AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment

English III

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Welcome to AP Language and Composition, a college-level skills class requiring extensive reading, writing, research, and discussion. The readings, which are predominantly non-fiction, are analyzed in terms of stylistic and rhetorical choices, and they model the kind of writing you will do throughout your academic careers—nonfiction expository, persuasive, and narrative essays. You will also study the rhetoric of visual media, synthesize primary and secondary source material into your own compositions, imitate techniques of professional authors, and analyze current events, considering various perspectives and viewing them through many lenses, including your personal values and morals. Each quarter involves AP test practice, including timed writings and multiple-choice quizzes.

One of the main goals of AP Language and Composition is to help facilitate informed citizenship. This CHORES project is intended to broaden your knowledge of the world around you so that you can develop and support your own arguments and think critically about the arguments of others.

The CHORES assignment allows students to make choices within each category of the acronym:

C: Current Events

H: History & Art

O: Our Experiences

R: Reading

E: Entertainment

S: Sports & Science

(Details are provided below.)

***In addition to the CHORES reflections, please begin reviewing the Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes on the last pages of this document. You should know some of them already, but some will be new to you. Understanding the meanings of common root words can help us figure out the meanings of new words that we encounter. But be careful: root words can have more than one meaning as well as various shades of meaning.

Make sure you know what each root, prefix, or suffix means—you DO NOT have to memorize the provided example words. You will have a test over them in the first grading period. **

CHORES Choice Chart

Choose at least one item from each category. Then, write a reflection for each category.

A list of possible books, documentaries, podcasts, and news outlets is provided below this chart. This list is made up of suggestions and is certainly not comprehensive. In addition, I have not vetted all of these sources. Please review them and choose what will be most appropriate for you. Alternatively, you can come up with your own options as long as they fit the criteria for each category.

<p>C: Current Events Choose a current event and then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a film or documentary <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to a podcast <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a news broadcast <input type="checkbox"/> Read a news article 	<p>R: Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a novel (fiction or nonfiction), news story, or podcast to write a reflection over
<p>H: History & Art Choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a history or art museum and write about your experience <input type="checkbox"/> Research a historic event that interests you <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a film or documentary about an artist or a historical event/topic 	<p>E: Entertainment/Pop Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a topic within entertainment or pop culture research it either through a documentary, podcast, or book and write a reflection
<p>O: Our Experiences Write a reflection about one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A time that you or someone you know overcame adversity <input type="checkbox"/> An experience that left an impact on you (how and why) <input type="checkbox"/> A person who left a impact on you (how and why) 	<p>S: Science & Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a significant scientific discovery and research it either through a documentary, podcast, or book and write a reflection <input type="checkbox"/> Choose a significant sporting event or athlete and research it either through a documentary, podcast, or book and write a reflection

The rules:

- Don't choose things you've already read, watched, or done (e.g. you can't use the same book you used for your English project last year).
- Some of them CAN be things you've already been planning on doing this summer (e.g. visiting a museum on vacation or reading a particular book that's been on your to-read list). These are meant to fit into your regular summer plans.
- You can do them with friends or family if you choose.
- The point is to have and reflect on NEW experiences.

Reflections:

1. Create a Google document: Title it CHORES Reflections.

- a. You may also use this [template](#), but you will need to carefully check to make sure you updated everything correctly.
- b. An example reflection has been provided on the next page.

2. Use a 12-point standard font (such as Arial, Times New Roman, or Cambria). Double space the document.

3. Use a standard MLA heading at the top of the page. See below for an example.

Heading (not a HEADER!) Example: (Left Aligned)

Your Name
Mrs. Drude
AP Lang
Date

4. On that document, identify each chosen source, activity, or topic, providing basic information such as title and author or event, date and location. Each reflection should be on its own page.

5. For each individual reflection, make a claim about the value of the experience or topic. (Was it entertaining? Informative? Thought-provoking? Did it introduce you to new perspectives? Challenge or change a pre-existing belief? Deepen your understanding of human nature? What makes this topic significant?)

6. Support each claim with specific examples, vivid details, and thorough explanations.

- a. Each reflection should be ½-1 page each.

7. Include a Works Cited page with MLA citations for any sources used. (You may use a citation generator such as [easybib.com](#).)

Grading:

To get a 90+, complete at least 6 activities and reflections

To get a 80-89, complete at least 5 activities and reflections

To get a 70-79, complete at least 3 activities and reflections

*Note that the number of activities you choose to complete will earn you a grade within the set range, as indicated above. Where your grade falls within that range will depend on the degree to which your work shows evidence of engagement, critical thinking, thoroughness, and reflection. Points will be deducted for missing or incomplete citations.

Note: This assignment is not requiring you to do any particular activity. You don't have to spend a dime or do anything extravagant; essays and other short texts can easily be found online, while books and many movies are available for free at the public library. The extensive list of options is meant to provide flexibility for your situation, interests, and abilities, so you can complete your chosen tasks over the summer whether you're traveling or staying at home.

This assignment will be due the second week of school. I suggest you complete these activities throughout the summer rather than waiting until August. If you have any questions regarding this assignment, do not hesitate to contact me via email at: adrude@huffmanisd.net

Reflection Example:

Category 4: Readings

- Read an article of your choice from an online or print newspaper or magazine.

Article: "Teens on a Year That Changed Everything"

Publisher: *New York Times*

Publication date: March 7, 2021

Reflection:

Without question, the Covid-19 pandemic left a lasting impact on the world. It changed how we interact with one another, particularly in the classroom. In this article from *The New York Times*, several teens reflect on the changes they encountered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, many students found themselves isolated from the world around them. One student reflected that "[b]eing in high school in 2020 [was] an experience like no other. It [was] gloomy, lonely, and frustrating" (Schulten). Many students were home all day, alone, without parent supervision and left to their own devices. Students were suddenly entirely responsible for their own learning. Yes, teachers could post work online, but without one-on-one assistance, students who struggled in class prior to school shut-downs suddenly found themselves in an impossible situation. Additionally, some students became responsible for their younger siblings while parents in essential positions continued to work daily. This article highlights the daily struggles of teens who not only became teachers and caretakers, but also missed out on important high school experiences like prom and graduation.

Documentaries

Check out the documentaries category on Netflix or even search on YouTube “full length documentaries.” Below is a list of some great ones to check out.

The Social Dilemma
My Octopus Teacher
All In, The Fight for Democracy
Behind the Curve
Chasing Happiness (Jonas Brothers)
13th
Operation Varsity Blues: The College Admissions Scandal
Blackfish
The Mask You Live In
Miss Representation
An Inconvenient Truth
Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices
Waiting for Superman
Building the Machine
Man on Wire

Podcasts

Podcasts are great because you can listen to them anywhere and they’re free! If there is something that you are interested in there is probably a podcast for you. I will encourage you to not only listen to podcasts that interest you, but to expand your knowledge by choosing a podcast where you have limited knowledge. You can listen to podcasts on the Apple Podcast app or many other apps on your phone. Here is a list of podcasts to help you learn more about the world.

Current Events

Podcasts

- [Throughline – on Apple Podcasts](#) Ramtin Arablouei and Rund Abdelfatah, the hosts of NPR’s new podcast *Throughline*, are here to remind us that we must heed the past as we consider what it means to live in the present.
- [Global News Podcast – on Spotify](#) The day’s top stories from BBC News. Delivered twice a day on weekdays, daily at weekends
- [Dear Hank & John – on Spotify](#) Hosts John and Hank Green (authors and YouTubers) offer both humorous and heartfelt advice about life’s big and small questions. They bring their personal passions to each episode by sharing the week’s news from Mars (the planet) and AFC Wimbledon (the fourth-tier English football club).
- [Let’s Be Real with Sammy Jaye on iHeartRadio](#) Let’s Be Real, hosted by GenZ change maker Sammy Jaye, is all about having powerful and candid conversations with celebrities, activists, athletes and influencers, while discussing real-life issues – from mental health and political activism to pop culture and more.
- [Radiolab - on Spotify](#) Radiolab is on a curiosity bender. We ask deep questions and use investigative journalism to get the answers. A given episode might whirl you through science, legal history, and into the home of someone halfway across the world.
- [This American Life – on Spotify](#) With fascinating, in-depth reporting on the phenomena that make up our lives, This American Life is a great family listen. A public-radio institution, it features slices of life that center around themes that unite them.
- [Wait, Wait...Don’t Tell Me! - on Spotify](#) NPR’s weekly news quiz. Have a laugh and test your knowledge with today’s funniest comedians. And if you can’t get enough, try our new mid-week show, Everyone & Their Mom. Each Wednesday, host Emma Choi takes the story everyone’s talking about and uses it as an excuse to hang out with culture makers, Wait Wait panelists, and hilarious new comedians.

History & Arts

Podcasts

- [Backstory – on Apple Podcasts](#) U.S. historians Ed Ayers, Brian Balogh, Nathan Connolly and Joanne Freeman of [Virginia Humanities](#) endeavor to look at today’s headlines through the lens of American history. They assure their listeners that these are the stories they “*want* to learn,” not the ones they “*had* to learn” in history class.

- [Dan Carlin's Hardcore History – on Apple Podcasts](#) He dramatically narrates some of the most epic moments in human history with such color that Hollywood producers looking for new material ought to take notice.
- [More Perfect – on Apple Podcasts](#) Each episode of *More Perfect* delves into a specific Supreme Court case and tries to get inside the justice's heads to understand why they made the decisions that have had decades- or even centuries-long ripple effects in American society.
- [Presidential – on Apple Podcasts](#) Lillian Cunningham dives into the life and legacy of a different American president. The show often focuses on the tension between how we perceive these historical figures and who they actually were — as in one running joke in which Cunningham asks historians what it would be like to go on a blind date with various presidents.
- [Revisionist History Malcolm Gladwell – on Apple Podcasts](#) His podcast reexamines “overlooked” moments in history, like why a famed basketball player made the illogical decision to favor a worse free throw form or why an artist who broke the glass ceiling only ended up reconfirming gender biases. Gladwell comes alive when tackling societal injustices that are particularly irksome to him.
- [Not Past It – on Spotify](#) Ever wonder why the world is the way it is? Like, 1000s of years of humanity and this is the version of the world we came up with. This one? Same. Each Wednesday on Not Past It host Simone Polanen will pick a moment from that very same week in history -- and tell you how it shaped our lives today.
- [This is Where It Gets Interesting – on Spotify](#) Here's Where It Gets Interesting finds the stories of America you probably haven't heard. Host Sharon McMahon, a longtime teacher and one of today's most influential voices, will ignite your curiosity about the fascinating stuff that wasn't in history textbooks. She's joined by notable thought leaders who share insights about history, culture, and politics, and inspire us to grow into more thoughtful, well-informed citizens.
- [Lore – on Spotify](#) Lore is a bi-weekly podcast (now also a TV show and book series) about dark historical tales. Each episode explores the mysterious creatures, tragic events, and unusual places that fill the pages of history. Because sometimes the truth is more frightening than fiction.

Reading – See suggested nonfiction list below

Nonfiction Reading

This is a list of nonfiction titles that will help you broaden your bank of background knowledge for FRQ 3. ***You don't have to read something from this list, but it is an option.*** Many are available in the HHS library or via SORA (eBooks). Some of these titles may involve sensitive information, so do your research before reading.

Invincible Microbe – Jim Murphy & Alison Blank

The Indifferent Stars Above – Daniel James Brown

Bloody Times – James L Swanson

I Am Malala – Malala Yousafzai

David and Goliath – Malcolm Gladwell

Walking with the Wind – John Lewis

The Agony of Power – Jean Baudrillard

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates – Wes Moore

Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and less from each other – Sherry Turkle

Asian American Dreams – Helen Zia

Becoming – Michelle Obama

Born a Crime – Trevor Noah

The Coddling of the American Mind – Greg Lukianoff

Code Girls: the Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II

The Things They Carried – Tim O'Brien

Invisible Women – Caroline Criado-Perez

The Bomber Mafia – Malcolm Gladwell

Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson

The Pioneers – David McCullough

The Woman They Could Not Silence – Kate Moore

Born to Run – Christopher McDougal

But is it True? Aarojin Wildvsky

Death of Innocence: The Story of the Hate Crime that Changed America – Christopher Benson & Maime Till

Fast Food Nation – Eric Schlosser

Freakonomics – Leavitt & Dubner

The Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls

Green Illusions – Ozzie Zehener
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks – Rebecca Skloot
Into Thin Air – Jon Krakauer
League of Denial – Steve Fainaru & Mark Fainura-Wada
Men Explain Things to Me – Rebecca Solnit
The Omnivore’s Dilemma – Michael Pollan
Devil in the White City – Erik Larson
Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers – Mary Roach
A Long Way Gone – Ishmael Beah
Code Name – Larry Loftis
Apollo 11 – David Whitehouse
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – Dee Brown
Killers of the Flower Moon – David Grann
Evicted – Matthew Desmond
The Hot Zone – Richard Preston
Unbroken – Lauren Hillenbrand
The Mother Tongue – Bill Bryson
Caste – Isabel Wilkerson
The Price of Admission – Daniel Golden
Think Again – Adam Grant
How the Word is Passed – Clint Smith
In Cold Blood – Truman Capote
Under the Banner of Heaven – Jon Krakauer
The Innocent Man – John Grisham
The Soloist – Steve Lopez
Spitting in the Soup – Kate Johnson
The Structure of Scientific Revolutions – Thoman Kuhn
The Value of Nothing – Raj Patel
When Helping Hurts – Steve Corbet & Brian Fikkert

Podcasts

- [The Moth – on Spotify](#) Since its launch in 1997, The Moth has presented thousands of true stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. Moth storytellers stand alone, under a spotlight, with only a microphone and a roomful of strangers. The storyteller and the audience embark on a high-wire act of shared experience which is both terrifying and exhilarating.

Entertainment/Pop Culture

Podcasts

- [Cocaine & Rhinestones – on Apple Podcasts](#) This obsessively researched, essayistic show examines the history of country music and some of its icons. Even those who have never donned a cowboy hat will appreciate the sordid and controversial history of the genre.
- [Mogule – on Apple Podcasts](#) The series covers the life and death of Chris Lighty, a manager who represented [Missy Elliott](#), [50 Cent](#) and Busta Rhymes, and, in following his story, traces the history of hip-hop. Host Reggie Ossé, a former industry lawyer who knew Lighty, brings passion to the story of his old friend.
- [Armchair Expert – on Spotify](#) Hi, I’m Dax Shepard, and I love talking to people. I am endlessly fascinated by the messiness of being human, and I find people who are vulnerable and honest about their struggles and shortcomings to be incredibly sexy. I invite you to join me as I explore other people’s stories. We will celebrate, above all, the challenges and setbacks that ultimately lead to growth and betterment. What qualifies me for such an endeavor? More than a decade of sobriety, a degree in Anthropology and four years of improv training. I will attempt to discover human “truths” without any laboratory work, clinical trials or data collection. I will be, in the great tradition of 16th-century scientists, an Armchair Expert.
- [Smartless – on Spotify](#) "SmartLess" with Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes, & Will Arnett is a podcast that connects and unites people from all walks of life to learn about shared experiences through thoughtful dialogue and organic hilarity. A nice surprise: in each episode of SmartLess, one of the hosts reveals his mystery guest to the other two.

Sports

Podcasts

- [30 for 30 – on Apple Podcasts](#) This audio spinoff of ESPN's famed *30 for 30* documentary series, hosted by Jody Avirgan, explores sports stories from history exclusively in the podcast format. Most episodes cover a different sports saga, with the exception of a few mini-series that dive deep into one person or topic.
- [Nobody Asked Us With Des & Kara](#) - on Spotify Once competitors and Olympic teammates, now friends and podcast partners, Des Linden and Kara Goucher share their hot takes about all things running with a little bit of life-stuff sprinkled in too. Come for the insights on running and stay for the inspiration from two legends in the sport. No filter needed.
- [The Lowe Post – on Spotify](#) ESPN's Zach Lowe talks to various basketball people about various basketball things basketball.

Science

Podcasts

- [Radiolab - on Spotify](#) Radiolab is on a curiosity bender. We ask deep questions and use investigative journalism to get the answers. A given episode might whirl you through science, legal history, and into the home of someone halfway across the world.
- [Science Friday – on Spotify](#) Science Friday, or "Sci Fri" to the initiated, is another podcast for science lovers: It focuses more on current events, and the scientific concepts that are in the news.
- [The Skeptic's Guide to the Universe – on Spotify](#) The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe is produced by SGU Productions, LLC – dedicated to promoting critical thinking, reason, and the public understanding of science through online and other media.
- [Curiosity Daily – on Spotify](#) The award-winning Curiosity Daily podcast from CuriosityDaily.com will help you get smarter about the world around you. In less than 10 minutes, you'll get a unique mix of research-based life hacks, the latest science and technology news, and more. Nate Bonham and Calli Gade will help you learn about your mind and body, outer space and the depths of the sea, and how history shaped the world into what it is today.
- [I Know Dino: The Big Dinosaur Podcast – on Spotify](#) The big dinosaur podcast. News, interviews, and discussions about dinosaurs.

News Media

It's important to keep in mind the bias of the media we consume. Our brains don't like to hear information that we don't agree with. It's hard for us to process the differences. For the purposes of preparing for the AP Lang exam, it is important to broaden the news media we consume. This is a chart created by AllSides.com. If you lean left, read some coverage of the same story from a right leaning publication and vice versa.

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Set #1 – Greek Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Anthrop	Human	anthropology, anthropoid, philanthropy
Aster, Astro	Star	astronomy, asterisk, asteroid
Biblio, Bibli	Book	bibliography, bibliomania, biblical
Bio	Life	biology, biochemistry, biodegradable
Chrom	Color	chromatic
Chrono	Time	chronological, chronology, chronometer
Cosmo	World, Order, Universe	cosmology, cosmonaut, chronoscope
Crac, Crat	Rule, Govern	aristocrat, democracy, aristocracy
Dem	People	democracy, demagogue, epidemic
Derm	Skin	dermatitis, dermatology, dermis

Set #2 – Greek Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Ethno	Nation	ethnic, ethnocentrism
Eu	Good, Well	euphoria, euphony, euphemism
Geo	Earth	geology, geocentric, geodynamics
Gno, Kno	To Know	knowledge, Gnostic, agnostic
Hydro	Water	hydrogen, hydrodynamics, hydroplane
Hypno	Sleep	hypnosis, hypnotic, hypnotize
Lith	Stone	monolith, megalith
Logue, Logo	Idea, Word, Speech, Reason	dialogue, monologue, epilogue, logical
Meter, Metr	Measure	diameter, metric, millimeter
Micro	Small	microscope, microorganism

Set #3 – Greek Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Mim	To Copy, Imitate	mimic, mime, mimeograph
Mono	One	monologue, monogamy, monograph
Morph	Form	metamorphosis, morphology
Neur, Nerv	Nerve	neurology, nervous, neurosis
Path	Feeling	apathy, sympathy, empathy, pathetic
Philo, Phil	Love	bibliophile, Francophile, philharmonic
Phon	Sound, Voice	telephone, phonics, phonetics
Poly	Many	polychromatic, polyatomic, polyester
Scope	To see	kaleidoscope, telescope, microscope
Tom, Tomy	Cutting, Operation of Incision	anatomy, atom, dichotomy, appendectomy

Set #4 – Latin Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Act	To do, Drive	action, actor, react, transact, enact
Alt	High	altitude, altimeter
Anima, Anim	Life, Mind	animal, animated
Ann, Enn	Year	annual, perennial, bicentennial
Aqua	Water	aquarium, aquamarine, aquanaut
Arm	Army, Weapon	armory, armament
Bell	War	belligerent, bellicose
Cede	To go; To yield	intercede, supersede, concede
Cert	To be sure, to trust	certain, ascertain, certify
Cid, Cis	To cut off, be brief; to kill	concise, homicide, genocide

Set #5 – Latin Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Curs, Curr, Corr	To run	current, occurrence, cursor, corral
Dic, Dict	To say, to speak; To assert	diction, dictionary, dictate
Duct, Duc	To lead; To draw	aqueduct, abduct, conduct, reduce
Dur	Hard, lasting	duration, durable, endure
Gen	Race, family, kind	genealogy, generation, general
Loc	Place	local, relocate, dislocate
Mar	Sea	marinate, marine, maritime
Mit, Mis	To send	remission, missive, transmit
Mort	Death	mortal, mortality, mortify
Mut	Change, exchange	mutant, mutate, transmutate

Set #6 – Latin Roots

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Ord, Ordin	To put in order	order, ordinal, ordinary
Part, Pars	Portion, part	partial, particle, partner
Ped	Foot	pedestal, pedestrian, pedal
Prov, Prob	To prove, test	probate, probation, prove
Rupt	To break, burst	disrupt, eruption, rupture
Sacr, Secr, Sanct	Sacred	desecrate, sacrifice, sacrilege, sanctify
Sent, Sens	To feel	sense, sentimental, sentinel
Sol, Soli	Alone, lonely	soliloquy, solo, solitary
Test	To witness, affirm	attest, contest, testify
Vers, Vert	To turn	adverse, conversion, invert

Set #7 – Prefixes

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
A-, an-	Without	apathy, amoral, anaerobic
Ab-	From; away from	abnormal, abduct, absent, abhor
Ad-	To; motion toward; addition to	adapt, addict, adhere, admit
Aero-	Air	aerobic, aerobiology, aerospace
Amphi-	Both; around	amphibian, amphitheater
Ante-	Before	antebellum, antecede, antecedent
Anti-, ant-	Against; opposite; reverse	antiaircraft, antifreeze, antibiotics
Bi-	Two	bifacial, bifocal, biennial
Hyper-	More than normal; too much	hyperactive, hypercritical, hypertension
Il-	Not	illegal, illegible, illiterate, illogical

Set #8 – Prefixes

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
Inter-	Among; between	interaction, intercede, interchange
Micro-	Small	microscope, microcosm, microbiology
Mono-	One, single, alone	monosyllable, monoxide
Neo-	New, recent	neonatal, neoclassicism
Pan-	All	pantheon, pandemic
Per-	Through	percolate, perceive
Post-	After	postglacial, postgraduate, posterior
Pre-	Before	preamble, prearrange, precaution
Super-	Over	superabundant, superhuman, supercilious
Trans-	Across; Over	transatlantic, transcend, transcribe, transfer

Set #9 – Suffixes

Word Stem	Definition	Example Words
-able, -ible	Able to be; capable of being	intelligible, probable, inevitable
-al, -ial	Of; like; relating to; suitable for	potential, musical, national
-cle, -ial	Small	corpuscle, cubicle, particle
-ent	Doing; having; showing	fraudulent, dependent, negligent, evident
-ic	Relating to; characteristic of	comic, historic, poetic, public
-ism	Act, practice, or result of; example	barbarism, heroism, altruism
-logy	Study or theory of	biology, ecology, geology
-or	One who	actor, auditor, doctor, donor
-tude	State or quality of being	solitude, multitude, aptitude
-y	Characterized by	thrifty, jealousy, frequency, sticky