

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition 2024 Summer Assignment

Reading:

1. *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell (copies available from Ms. Haynam)
2. *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser (to purchase)

Directions:

By signing up for Advanced Placement English Language, you have decided to take a very challenging course, the focus of which is the analysis and writing of non-fiction prose. To begin your work with non-fiction, you need to learn what to look for and analyze in your reading. We will be engaging in what is known as RHETORICAL ANALYSIS. For now, all you need to know about rhetorical analysis is that these are the things you should look for in your reading:

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| Audience: | The author’s intended target. To whom is he or she directly speaking? How do you know? Give evidence! (Please note: This must be very specific and should be based on context clues.) An author is not simply writing to “the reader.” Who does the author expect to read this work? How do you know? |
| Purpose: | What is the author trying to accomplish in this piece of writing or artwork? Can you identify his or her core arguments? Again, give abundant evidence. |
| Strategies: | What devices, organization, figures of speech, or other elements does the author use to accomplish his or her purpose? |

As part of your summer assignment, you will keep a reading journal. As you read *Outliers* and *On Writing Well*, write a journal entry of at least 100 words every time you come across a passage in which one or more of the AUDIENCE/PURPOSE/STRATEGIES elements jumps out to you. Analyze it. What is the author up to in that instance? How does that passage connect to the work as a whole? I would like you to have at least ten entries by the time you are done with both books.

Also, be prepared to write about and discuss the books in class. Envision using anecdotes from *Outliers* to illustrate points you wish to make. Envision applying the writing tips and analyzing writing techniques from *On Writing Well* throughout the year.

TYPED JOURNAL due at Google Classroom on the first day of class.

Feel free to email LHaynam@revereschools.org if you have any questions.