



AP Language & Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Start Date: May 26, 2026

Submission Deadline: August 3, 2026 (First Day of School)

Grade Posting Date: August 28, 2026

Student Directions:

The Advanced Placement Language and Composition Exam include three Free Response Questions, one of which requires students to write a rhetorical analysis essay of a text. In preparation to effectively respond to a prompt, you will read *Thank You for Arguing* and apply rhetorical concepts from the book to real-world examples of persuasion.

Essential Question

How does rhetoric influence what people believe, feel, and do?

Assignment Overview (includes reading tracker, project options and rubric)

The summer assignment has two parts:

Part 1: Rhetoric Reading Tracker (while reading)

Part 2: Final Project (choose ONE option)

Text: *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs (Third Edition)

Reading and Planning Pacing Suggestion: *Thank You for Arguing* has 30 short chapters. As you read the book, complete FIVE entries in the tracker here. This tracker helps you identify rhetorical tools Heinrichs introduces and notice persuasion in everyday life. Certainly, you may read at your own pace; however, if you could benefit from a consistent reading schedule, I have included a suggestion below:

Summer Dates	Chapters to Read
Week 1: May 26-29	Introduction + Chapters 1-3
Week 2: June 1-5	Chapters 4-7
Week 3: June 8-12	Chapters 8-11
Week 4: June 15-18	Chapters 12-12
Week 5: June 22-26	Chapters 15-18
Week 6: June 29-July 3	Chapters 19-22
Week 7: July 6-10	Chapters 23-26
Week 8: July 13-17	Chapters 27-30
Week 9: July 20-24	Complete Final Project

Suggestion: Keep a running list of rhetorical strategies and examples while reading.