

AP English Language & Composition

Summer Work

2026 - 2027

STEP 1

Read the book [*The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet*](#) by John Green. You may purchase a copy or borrow a copy of the book from the library; however, you will need to bring the book to class in August.

Take notes while reading the book:

- What are the main ideas of each chapter?
- What are a few of your takeaways from each chapter?
- How does the author organize each chapter? The full book?
- Make connections between the book and other texts you've read, as well as personal experiences you've had.

STEP 2

Read the book [*Thank You for Arguing \(Fourth Edition\)*](#) by Jay Heinrichs. Pay special attention to the following chapters:

- Chapter 1- Open Your Eyes
- Chapter 6- Make Them Listen
- Chapter 14- Make a Connection
- Chapter 20- Get Instant Cleverness
- Chapter 25- Give a Persuasive Talk
- Chapter 26- Capture Your Audience

Take notes or annotate in the book:

- What are the main ideas of each chapter?
- How do these chapters connect to any of the chapters in *The Anthropocene Reviewed*?

Bring all notes, annotations, and books to class. You will be assessed on your knowledge of the texts during the second week of school.

If you have any questions about this summer reading assignment, please contact Dr. Randy Gingrich (gingrich@fultonschools.org) or Ms. Deanna Velazquez (velazquezd@fultonschools.org).