

2026-27 AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! You should expect an extremely rigorous year with regular and complex reading and writing assignments. Make sure to read the directions carefully and complete the assignments with your best effort. All work is due on our first day of class. If questions arise, please feel free to contact us at ronda.cunningham@dvusd.org, andrea.wallach@dvusd.org, or holly.Maxwell@dvusd.org.

Read and annotate John Green's *The Anthropocene Reviewed*. Green's text includes 47 reviews. You must read the Introduction plus 15 reviews. "Diet Dr Pepper," "Auld Lang Syne," and "The Orbital Sunrise" are required; the remaining 12 of the reviews are yours to select, so choose topics that interest you.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL COPY—NO DIGITAL

ASSIGNMENT DIRECTIONS (completing the chart):

Step 1: For each of your 15 reviews, state Green's primary argument in 1 sentence. In other words, what larger point is he making about humanity? These statements should be thoughtful, arguable statements that connect to Green's primary purposes/goals as he states in his introduction.

Example: Because they are both highly individual and gain greater impact by being part of a group, snowflakes are a metaphor for the ideal human experience. **Please proofread your arguments carefully.**

HANDWRITE these arguments on lined paper (see chart on next page).

Step 2: Once you develop an argument (1 sentence) for each of your selections, make at least two meaningful annotations (see guidelines below) with a sticky note. This will prepare you for our in class writing assignments and discussions. Be sure to hold onto the book; we will be revisiting it in class.

Annotation Guidelines

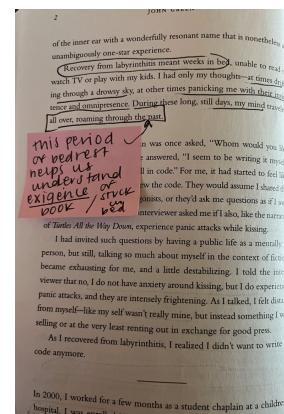
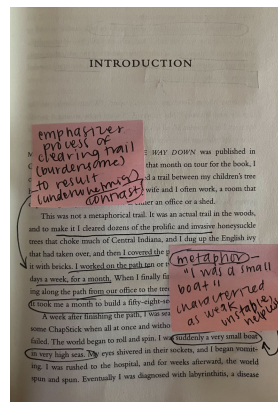
As you read, you should record a minimum of 30 annotations:

- Use sticky notes to clearly mark the passage of text to which each annotation responds.
- Annotations should not respond to entire chapters or paragraphs, but brief passages.
- Each chapter (15) must have, at minimum, two sticky note annotations.
- On the sticky note, write your brief commentary.

Commentary can include the following:

- ☐ analyzing a rhetorical choice in the passage
- ☐ analyzing the significance of the passage in its context
- ☐ analyze Green's purpose in the passage.

****Aim for variety in your annotations, so that you show knowledge of many different techniques.**



Chapter Title	Primary Argument
"Diet Dr. Pepper"	
"Auld Lang Syne"	
"The Orbital Sunrise"	

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED (2 points each)= 30 POINTS TOTAL

PRIMARY ARGUMENTS (1 POINT EACH)

PROFICIENT (½):

- Accurate and original, but may be somewhat obvious.
- Represent understanding of the review as a whole.

MASTERY (1):

- Thoughtful and original; demonstrate depth of thinking and understanding.
- Clear and thoughtful connection to Green's primary purpose

CONVENTIONS (1 POINT EACH)

PROFICIENT (½):

- Proofread and error free; clear and articulate
- May rely on simple sentence structure

MASTERY (1):

- Diction (word choice) demonstrates sophistication of thought and voice.
- Use of varied structures shows complex understanding and sophistication of thought and voice. (Be sure your complex sentences are still clear and articulate.)