

Summer Reading Assignment

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Thank You for Arguing (4th ed)

Language in Thought and Action (5th ed)

Welcome to junior year! Over the summer, all juniors enrolling in this college level course are expected to engage deeply in the two assigned readings above. These texts are not literature so much as they are foundational non-fiction concepts that will be addressed in some form over and over again during this course. This class digs deep into language choices and how they work to affect the human mind as well as how to argue effectively beyond the mere use of claims, evidence, and reasoning.

Please follow the guidelines below to prepare you for this challenging course.

Assignment Requirements:

1. **Read Henrich's text *Thank you for Arguing (4th edition)*:**
Complete your reading before the first day of school. Bring your annotated copy of the book with you on the first day for a bonus on your summer reading assessment. Pay close attention to the terminology and concepts in **bold** and those summarized at the end of each chapter.
2. **Read Hayakawa's *Language in Thought and Action (5th edition)*:** Complete your reading before the first day of school. Bring your annotated copy of the book with you on the first day for a bonus on your summer reading assessment. Pay particular attention to the *Semantic Parable* at the beginning, as well as all of *Book I*. In *Book II* just focus on the chapter *Classification* and *The Two-Valued Orientation*.
3. **Be prepared for an assessment:**
During the first two weeks of school, you will take a comprehension assessment covering the novel:
 - Key terminology
 - Application of Key terminology
4. **Prepare for an in-class essay/exam:**
Your assessment will be composed of FRQ's and a fill in the blank, MCQ section

Proper Annotations:

To help you remember important details:

- Take brief notes, in pen or pencil as you read.
- Highlight (with various colored highlighters) quotes that are essential to help you visualize or better comprehend important concepts
- Write a short summary after each of the chapters or terms.

Important Reminder: Highlight and annotate as you read. If you do this on a PDF, you will need to print out the entire PDF and bring it to class on the first day. That will kill your printer ink and several small trees. So, understandably, I strongly encourage you to purchase actual hardcopies of the two texts. These should be ordered at the beginning of the summer. It is quite a bit of reading. **This assignment will count as your first major English grade of the year and we will use much of this foundational knowledge *all year*.**

Amazon:

[Thank You for Arguing \(4th edition, revised\)](#)

[Language in Thought and Action \(5th edition\)](#)