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**A.P. English Language and Composition**

**Summer Assignment 2019-2020**

This summer assignment serves as an introduction to rhetoric and AP English Language and Composition literary terms. While completing this assignment, students will have the opportunity to work with the literary terms and concepts employed by writers, analyze the way a subject is presented to readers, and form an opinion about the style and decisions authors make as they craft arguments and stories to engage and educate readers.

Required texts/resources:

* Walls, Jeannette. The Glass Castle. ISBN-10: 074324754X (*email me if you would like the pdf file)*
* **If you choose to purchase a study guide for AP English Language, I recommend the following:**Hogue, Dawn.AP English Language and Composition Crash Course*.* 2nd Edition.

ISBN-13:978-0-7386-0783-2 or ISBN-10:0-7386-0783-5. Please keep in mind that the exam for this course is being redesigned, so some elements may be missing from current study guides out there.

* Access to a computer and the internet.

**Your summer assignment has 3 parts:**

1. Read The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.
   * Complete the passage annotation exercises. See the attached Summer Assignment handout for all 11th grade classes. Assignment rubric is available at <https://plazola.weebly.com/ap-english-language.html>.
     1. **NOTE!** As an AP student, your annotations are expected to include references to the writer’s use of literary devices, i.e., characterization (direct/indirect), conflict (internal/external), figurative language (imagery, simile, metaphor, personification, etc), use of rhetorical appeals (ethos, pathos, logos), etc.

**Don’t just point out the literary device; explain the purpose behind its use.**

* + It is strongly recommended that you purchase this novel or have access to it for approximately the first 3 weeks of the semester.

1. Rhetorical Terms List*.* Organize flashcards for the lists of rhetorical terms provided. All four rhetorical terms lists are due on the first day of school. This is a total of 100 rhetorical terms. Lists are available online at <https://plazola.weebly.com/ap-english-language.html>.
   * The front of each card should have the term clearly written.
   * The back of the flashcard will have three sections: (1) the official definition (see handout), (2) the definition in your own words (*show comprehension*), and (3) an example from a text/online source **or** an explanation of how the term functions.
2. Preparation for a Current Issues Project:
   * You will have an assignment focused on selecting a current topic in the news and analyzing it in-depth. The project will require that you view a documentary of your choice on this topic prior to the beginning of the year. You will view the documentary from the list provided, have a parent/guardian sign the permission slip to view the documentary, and complete the Documentary Film Analysis handout.
     1. The full assignment will be posted online at <https://plazola.weebly.com/ap-english-language.html>.

**All assignments are due the first day of school, August 20, 2019.**