

AP English Language & Composition: Summer Reading 2022

Welcome to AP English Language & Comp! This particular course begins with a study of memoirs, which is our first unit of the school year. Reading a memoir over the summer gives us a common text to analyze and lays the groundwork for the rest of our studies.

Keep in mind that summer work is *required* and your efforts will set the tone for your experiences in this class.

Please read the memoir *Educated* by Tara Westover over the summer. While reading this memoir, look for (and take notes on) any of the following things:

Irony (Situational, Verbal, Dramatic)

Syntax

- Sentence structure
- Repetition
- Length of sentences
- Importance of ends of sections/chapters

Diction

- Repeated words or patterns
- Especially positive or negative words
- Big words, small words, technical or content-specific words

Literary/Rhetorical Elements

- Metaphors, Similes
- Imagery
- Anaphora, Personification, Hyperbole, Antithesis, etc.

Selection of Detail

- Specific details that serve a greater purpose than simply informing
- The order in which information is presented to the reader - most is not given chronologically

Point of View

- Does it shift? Is it the result of an emotional or psychological change?
- Is the perspective different from how the reader might expect it?

Author's purpose//technique/main meaning or ideas

- What is the author attempting to convey?
- Who is she attempting to convey it to?

Try to take notes on a variety of elements so you have choices when it comes time to write the essay that first week we return to school.

Please note we will write an in-class essay about this memoir on 9/02.

PLEASE email me with any questions at any point in the summer. I am happy to discuss the book or the assignment with you at any point. I am so looking forward to working with each of you!