

May 11, 2020

Dear incoming AP Language and Composition Students,

I am excited about the upcoming school year and your participation in AP English Language and Composition. The beginning of the school year will be here before we know it, so I wanted to take the time to review your summer work requirements and give you time to contact me with any questions.

Prior to the start of the school year, it is important that you complete the following in order to begin the school year off on the right foot. Summer work is not given as a punishment for your accomplishments but as a means to maximize our class time to progress through a challenging course. I am attaching a description of the summer work for this course

- **Thoroughly SOAPSTone the attached presidential speech (Explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger - Reagan). Then, locate the rhetorical techniques used to achieve its purpose.**
- Send me an email from your school-issued email account with your SOAPSTone and rhetorical technique answers; I will reply to your email to confirm receipt. If you do not receive a confirmation email from me, please try again.
- The following four texts will be used throughout the course:
 - All The Pretty Horses (ISBN 978-0679744399)
 - Plato's Heirs (ISBN 978-0844258782)
 - In Cold Blood (ISBN 978-0679745587)
 - **All texts are provided as PDFs** (you are required to annotate)
 - If you prefer hard copies, then acquire All The Pretty Horses and In Cold Blood only. Most are available for a few dollars on Amazon used; however, if you are unable to purchase these texts, copies are available at the Round Lake Public Library, or in some instances, available online in PDF form for free.
- **Read and annotate *All the Pretty Horses* before Monday, August 17th, 2020.** Be sure to identify rhetorical devices and appeals and their effect. On the first day of class, I will collect your book and/or annotations to verify that you did indeed read. Tuesday, August 18th will be your first summative; it will be on *All the Pretty Horses*.

Although I am not in the building during the summer, I will check my email weekly. You can expect a response within one week of contacting me. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in class!

Sincerely,

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