

## AP Language and Composition Summer Assignment

Over the summer, you will need to read the following books:

1. 30 Days To a More Powerful Vocabulary- Revised Edition by Dr. Wilfred Funk and Norman Lewis
2. Brave New World by Aldous Huxley (you may check out a copy from Ms. Khawaja)
3. They Say I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein
4. A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris

You will need to complete 30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary by Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. This book takes 30 days to complete, so you will need to begin the book by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Due Dates:

Book 1: Completed by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Assignment on book 2 (Part 1): Completed by June 27<sup>th</sup>

Assignment on book 2 (Part 2): Completed by July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Completion of summer work is mandatory for acceptance into the course.** If you do not have all assignments completed on time, you will be dismissed from AP Language and Composition and moved to Honors English III.

If you are going out of town, you must contact me before June 3<sup>rd</sup> to modify your due dates.

### ASSIGNMENT 1

After reading chapters 1-8, do you believe that The World State (the society as described in Brave New World) depicts a dystopian or utopian society? In a well-developed essay, you must make a claim and support your claim with evidence from the text. Be sure to only select one side and clearly support your argument.

**You are responsible for submitting your assignment by 11:59 p.m. on June 27th. I will not accept any late submissions.**

### ASSIGNMENT 2

In Brave New World, Aldous Huxley predicts a futuristic society that discourages individuality, monogamy and religion while promoting job specialization and coping with life by taking medication. Prove how our society emulates or contrasts with Huxley's futuristic society. Support your thesis with examples and details from Huxley's society and our society.

**You are responsible for submitting your assignment by 11:59 p.m. on July 11th. I will not accept any late submissions.**

### **SUBMITTING YOUR ESSAY**

You must email your essay to akhawaja11@gmail.com. DO NOT email your essay to my McKeel email address. **I will only accept essays sent to my Gmail address.** If you email your essay to my McKeel email address, I will not accept your assignment. You may continue to email me with any questions at my McKeel email address. My Gmail account is only used for submitting assignments, so please do not email me with any questions at that account.

### **EMAIL FORMAT**

When you email me your essay, you will need to put “AP ASSIGNMENT 1” or “AP ASSIGNMENT 2” in the subject line. You will need to put your first and last name in the body of the message (where you would normally type your message). You will then need to attach your essay. **You must send the essay as an attachment!**

Do not forget, you must submit your essay on time. Do not wait until the last minute because I will not accept any late assignments.

I am sure many of you are thinking to yourself “how long does this essay need to be?” My answer is: It needs to be a well-developed essay. This is something you will need to get used to in AP Language and Composition. I will rarely, if ever, give you a length requirement. If you plan on cutting corners and taking the easy way out, this class is not for you. Your assignment is to effectively support your claim, not write a five-paragraph essay. For those of you having a hard time grasping this concept, I will tell you that you will have a difficult time producing a well-written essay that is under 500 words. Good luck!

*The 2010-2011 AP Language and Composition students own books 3 and 4, so before you purchase these books from the bookstore, I suggest asking one of 2010-2011 AP students if they would sell you a used book at a discounted price.*