

Welcome to AP Language and Composition!

AP LANG is all about thinking and writing critically about a wide range of topics. Your job this summer is to expand your world. As you make your choices, try and choose things you don't know a lot about, but that still seem interesting.

1. Choose one item from each column.

Reading Journalism	Non-Fiction media	Fact/Fiction blurring the lines	Bias and tone
Read 3 articles from Time Magazine (Time.com) or visit the library	Listen to 3 <a href="#">podcasts</a> of your choice about a similar topic.	Watch a documentary or a fictional movie about a war in history.	Watch a true crime show (Dateline, 48 hours etc)
Read 3 articles from National Geographic (Nationalgeographic.com)	Listen to 3 episodes of the SAME podcast. (use above list)	Watch a documentary or a fictional movie about the immigrant experience.	Watch a celebrity biography.
Read 3 articles from the Sunday edition of the Charlotte Observer (CharlotteObserver.com) or New York Times (nyt.com) or Wall Street Journal (WSJ.com)	Listen to 3 TED talks about a topic by different speakers.	Watch a documentary or fictional movie about a civil rights issue.	Watch an episode of Dirty Money or Netflix explained (Netflix or youtube.com)

2. As you watch/listen to each one, write down the title/source and your thoughts about:

- ❖ Who do you think the intended audience is? Who is the author/speaker trying to reach?
- ❖ How do they get and keep the audience interested?
- ❖ Why do you think this was created? What made them put HOURS or even YEARS into the creation of this piece?
- ❖ What do you think they wanted to accomplish? What do they want to change about the audience or the world?

3. As you are analyzing your pieces, make a vocabulary list with at least 30 words. Include the word and the definition, then indicate which source you found the word in.

Example:

Succinct- Briefly and clearly expressed or written. (NY Times)

- 4. This assignment will be turned in as a WORD/PDF document during the first week we return to school. You will receive more information from your teacher at that time.**