

**AP Language and Composition 2017-2018**  
**Summer Reading Assignment**

1. Purchase, read, and annotate chapters 1-17 (introduction, offense, & defense) of *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs (I recommend a used copy)
2. Assignment:
  - a. **Part 1:** Select at least 15 specific techniques for effective argument that you learned or understood better because of reading this book. Describe each technique in a separate, well-developed paragraph. Do not copy from the book—paraphrase and summarize.
  - b. **Part 2:** Recall an argument from your past that you “lost.” (This could be an argument with a friend, a sibling, a teacher, a parent, etc.) Briefly rewrite the argument in dialogue form—like the script of a play. First, show how the argument went originally. Then rewrite it to show how the argument could have ended differently, had you known some of the techniques or skills that you have read about in TYFA. ***Label the techniques/skills you use in the rewritten version.***

Important information: Because this is the first graded assignment in the course, it should be an example of your best work. First impressions are important.

- Type the written assignment double-spaced in 12 pt. Times New Roman.
- Your student heading should be in the upper left hand corner of the first page:
  - Your name
  - Teacher’s name
  - AP Lang and Comp
  - Date
- The pages should be numbered in the upper right hand corner of the header area with your last name and the page number.
- Be sure to proofread your document; you will submit it on Engrade once school starts.
- This assignment is due during end of the first week of school. It is a summative grade. Don’t start the class with a zero.
- Don’t lose the book; there will be an additional assignment after school starts. Be sure to keep an electronic copy of this assignment.

You will also need to purchase other novels not listed here for use throughout the school year, and those titles will be given to you during the first week of school. You will have more than enough time to acquire the novels for use in class.

Email me if you have questions ([andrew.mulkey@douglas.k12.ga.us](mailto:andrew.mulkey@douglas.k12.ga.us))

\*\*\*This assignment does not have to be daunting or stressful. Balance your reading according to your summer schedule and simply annotate as you read\*\*\*