2019 Summer Reading Requirements: AP English Language and Composition

Students enrolled in AP English Language and Composition are required to read the listed works and complete the complementing tasks.

**AMERICAN POLITICAL SPEECHES** (Richard Beeman, Ed.)

*American Political Speeches* includes samples of American rhetoric that span our nation’s history. These selections are not limited to those spoken by elected public officials: they include the speeches of other famous Americans who moved and changed our nation through language. Students in AP English Language and Composition will be required to read the following political speeches in the collection:

- John Winthrop, "City on a Hill"
- Thomas Jefferson’s “We are all Republicans, We are all Federalists”
- Abraham Lincoln’s “With Malice Towards None”
- Carrie Chapman Catt, "The Women's Hour Has Struck"
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself"
- Ronald Reagan, "The Aggressive Impulses of an Evil Empire"
- Barrack Obama, "Let Us Brave Once More the Icy Currents"

Students in AP English Language and Composition must complete the following steps for annotating each speech listed above in your book; books will be collected and graded upon return to school in September:

1. Read the introductory paragraph and underline facts and information that contextualize the speech
2. Highlight the claims or assertions made throughout the text
3. Identify literary devices used by labeling the device in the margins of the speech
4. Underline notable diction (word usage) throughout the speech
5. Identify the topic of the passage in the space following the speech

All notes should be recorded legibly in your copy of *American Political Speeches*.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT POLITICS...BUT DON’T: A NON-PARTISAN GUIDE TO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER [3rd EDITION]** (Jessamyn Conrad)

Jessamyn Conrad’s *What You Should Know About Politics . . . But Don’t: a Non-Partisan Guide to The Issues That Matter* is an accessible, balanced, and timely guide to the most relevant issues in contemporary American politics. Students in AP English Language and Composition will be required to read the introduction by Naomi Wolf and read/annotate the following chapters from Conrad’s text:

- Chapter 1: Elections
- Chapter 3: Foreign Policy
- Chapter 7: The Environment
- Chapter 10: Socioeconomic Policy
- Chapter 12: Education
Students in *AP English Language and Composition* will be assessed on their reading of the assigned texts upon return to school in September.