

**AP English Language & Composition**  
**Summer Reading**  
2023-2024

**Book #1**

- Acquire the following text: [Thank You for Arguing \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) by Jay Heinrichs.
- Read the following chapters:
  - o Chapter 1 - "Open Your Eyes"
  - o Chapter 2- "Set Your Goals"
  - o Chapter 24- "Use the Right Medium"
  - o Chapter 25- "Give a Persuasive Talk"

**Book #2**

- Select and read one nonfiction book from the following list:
  - o [The Breakthrough: Immunotherapy and the Race to Cure Cancer](#) by Charles Graeber
  - o [The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage](#) by Clifford Stoll
  - o [Hiroshima Diary: The Journal of a Japanese Physician](#) by Michihiko Hachiya
  - o [Storm in a Teacup: The Physics of Everyday Life](#) by Helen Czerski
  - o [Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest](#) by Suzanne Somard
  - o [Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human](#) by Siddhartha Mukherjee
  - o [Under the White Sky: The Nature of the Future](#) by Elizabeth Kolbert

**Assignment**

- Take notes while reading *Thank You for Arguing*.
  - o What are the main ideas of each chapter?
  - o What are a few takeaways from each chapter?
- Annotate nonfiction book while reading.
  - o What are the main ideas of each chapter?
  - o What are the main ideas of the book?
  - o How does the author organize each chapter? The full book?
- Connections
  - o Make connections between *Thank You for Arguing* and the nonfiction book.
  - o Be able to write about and discuss the connections during the first week of school.

**You will be assessed on your knowledge of the texts during the second week of school.**

If you have any questions about this summer reading assignment, please contact Dr. Randy Gingrich ([gingrich@fultonschools.org](mailto:gingrich@fultonschools.org)).