

**Summer Reading 2018 – Whitney
AP Language and Composition**

Students will utilize a variety of techniques while analyzing complex texts through reading the following texts:

The Fire Next Time- James Baldwin
Between the World and Me- Ta-Nehisi Coates

While you read and through careful annotation:

1. Develop an understanding of the text's meaning and establish the **author's purpose**.
 - a. Write a short summary of the text.
 - b. Notate your first impressions. Likes? Dislikes? Points you find difficult to understand and why. Revelations and or Reflections.
 - c. Look for patterns and repetitions including words, phrases and situations. Think about why the author may have used these repetitions and its effect on you as the reader. How do they help accomplish the author's purpose?
 - d. Identify passages and rhetorical devices that are significant and explain why.
 - e. Identify syntax and diction that seem significant. Note unfamiliar vocabulary.
 - f. Think about how elements of these texts relate to each other and any other texts you may have read.
 - g. Think about and notate the text in context- consider the time period in which each was written and the social and political atmosphere. How does the author reveal them? Does the author effectively reveal a particular position on an issue? What word choices do each author use to accomplish this? You are reading this with a critical lens.
2. These notes will not be collected; rather, they will be used for your own reference for discussions and writing our in-class essay.

During the first two weeks of school, bring your books and notes to class. Be prepared to discuss and complete a writing assessment that addresses your analytical writing skills. We will also do several in-class activities that relate to the above readings.

Note: Ideally, students should obtain their own copies of the summer reading texts. However, please contact the CAP office if you need assistance.

If you have questions over the summer about your assignment, I will be checking my email weekly. You can reach me at:

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