



Dear Prospective AP English Language Students:

Your summer assignments for this class will ask you to do a variety of tasks. You will be writing a letter of introduction, creating flashcards with the terms we will be working with in class this year, and exploring current events. All of the assignments will be **due on the first day of school**. Failure to do this will result in your removal from the class and placement in college-prep English. Please feel free to email us with any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you and working with you next year!

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***Assignment #1: THE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION***

The Purpose of this assignment is to tell your future instructors why you signed up for AP English Language and Composition. Possible ideas to explore and convey include the following:

- 1) What you hope to gain from taking the class;
- 2) What you intend to do to better prepare yourself for this class;
- 3) Anything you think would be useful for us to know so that we can help you be as successful as possible.

This letter should be thoughtful and well-written. Use formal academic language and follow the appropriate business letter format. (Google what the format should be or use a Microsoft Word Template if you are not sure how to do it). Your letter should be informational, but don't be afraid to use your writing voice to express yourself. Lively, interesting writing is always better than boring, lackluster writing! Of course, make sure your letter is typed, double-spaced, 12-point font.

***Assignment #2: FLASHCARDS***

Using the packet of terms provided, create flashcards (one for each term). Make sure to include not only the definition, but the example(s) provided as well. Use them every spare moment you have to practice them over the summer. You will have an exam on the second day of school on the terms.

***Assignment #3: CURRENT EVENTS.***

It's very important that you become aware of what's happening in the world today so that you have some kind of repertoire to draw on when writing your papers. Allusions make you a stronger and more credible writer. Therefore, you will be asked to pick one of the topics below and collect FIVE news articles about the subject. You will need to make sure that the articles are from trusted news sources (newspapers or news publications/organizations like *Time*, *Newsweek*, *CNN*, etc.). Print the articles out, and write a 150-200 word summary for each article (typed, double-spaced).

POLITICS

TERRORISM

SOCIAL NETWORKING

FOOD LABELLING

GOOGLE/APPLE/NIKE

HEALTH CARE

EDUCATION REFORM

GREEN TECHNOLOGY

HEAD INJURIES/CONCUSSIONS IN SPORTS

IMMIGRATION

WEATHER/CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS

THE AUTO INDUSTRY

CELEBERTIES CAUGHT UP IN SCANDALS

AMERICA'S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE

PAYING COLLEGE ATHLETES

If a topic blows up this summer that does not fit into the category headings above, feel free to focus on that instead of one of the above. Just make sure you find at least five articles for whatever topic you eventually settle on.

