

## AP English Language Summer Assignment--2022

Your assignment requires that you a) remain informed on major local, national, and global news stories and b) evaluate the significance of key speeches that have shaped the world.

Your assignment is due on the first day of school without exception.

### Part A: News Journal

Use your journal to track major national/global news stories throughout the summer.

1. During the first week of school, be prepared to analyze the significance of the five most important news events of the summer. It is unclear what these events will be; it will be up to you to determine these. You can follow the news using any reputable source. I recommend organizing the news journal section of your composition book into news categories. Your entries should include source bibliographic information, a brief summary, and surface analysis that might examine questions such as:
  - a. What is the significance of this event to our community, the nation, or the world's stage?
  - b. Who are the major players or decision makers regarding this piece of news? Why?
  - c. How does this new change, complicate, or enhance your personal perspective on the world?
2. Listen to 2 episodes from among the following podcasts. For each, write a reaction to the information presented. Try to offer insight about how that episode helped you understand more about the human experience. Identify the name of the podcast, the title of the episode, and the date it aired. Each response must be at least one page. I am including a nonexhaustive list below. Options include:
  - a. *Radiolab* examines the humane experience through science and technology: <http://www.radiolab.org/archive/>
  - b. *This American Life* considers one theme per episode, presenting real-life stories that elucidate the topic: <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/favorites/topical>
  - c. *Freakonomics* examines current events and tries to discover the underlying cause <http://freakonomics.com/radio/freakonomics-radio-podcast-archive/>
  - d. *Reveal* takes a look at often overlooked but relevant topics through investigative reporting: <https://revealnews.org/episodes>
  - e. *Hidden Brain* examines sociological phenomena to help "curious people understand the world: <http://www.npr.org/podcasts/510308/hidden-brain>

### Part B: *Speeches that Changed the World* responses

Read and annotate the following speeches:

1. George Washington Presidential Farewell Address
2. Thomas Jefferson Presidential Inaugural Address

3. Susan B. Anthony "Is it a Crime for a Citizen of the United States to Vote?"
4. Clarence Darrow Closing speech in defense of Henry Sweet
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Inaugural Address
6. Winston Churchill "On Friday evening last..." or "Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat"
7. J. Robert Oppenheimer Speech on the atomic age
8. John F. Kennedy Presidential Inaugural Address
9. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights speech on the eve of his assassination
10. Malcolm X Speech celebrating African descent
11. Richard Nixon National Address promising transparency post-Watergate
12. Ronald Reagan Speech in West Berlin
13. Elie Wiesel Speech reviewing the 20th century
14. George W. Bush Address to the nation after 9/11 attacks
15. Barack Obama Speech after winning the US presidential election
16. Malala Yousafzai Speech to the UN Youth Assembly

Email Ms. Castillo, [nataliecastillo@dadeschools.net](mailto:nataliecastillo@dadeschools.net), a list of 10 speeches which most appeal to you by July 20th.

You will write responses to the same 10 assigned speeches you identified in your email.

For each speech, type and print a one-page, double-spaced response that addresses the following:

1. Copy the most impactful sentence and describe its effects on the audience.
2. Identify and discuss the word that impacted you the most
3. Write a 3-4 sentence summary indicating the speech's historical significance, as well as its content.
4. Write a response about your reaction to the speech. Consider:
  - a. How it made you feel
  - b. How difficult it was to understand
  - c. Favorite and least favorite parts
  - d. Interesting details