

AP Language & Composition Juniors 2020

All incoming juniors enrolled in AP Language & Composition are expected to complete the following assignments. Projects will be due **the first day of classes**.

ANALYZING CURRENT EVENTS

Throughout the summer, there will be plenty of public addresses and speeches from politicians as voting time approaches. You will document and analyze **1 speech, 1 political image, and 1 TedTalk** given from different politicians, public figures or office holders with the following details:

Dates – Each form of media must be current and spread out over the course of the summer (not all the same week)

- 1) Speech – you must provide a transcript of the speech you document (printed)
 - Annotate (take notes on printed speech) valuable information such as emotional word choice, the author’s purpose, and feelings evoked while reading.
 - Use different colors to highlight details in the speech that serve as evidence to the details for the reflection – *read below for directions*
- 2) Political image – you must paste the image at the top of your reflection. Please be sure to describe the artist’s intent in your reflection
- 3) TedTalk – take notes as you watch the TedTalk of choice. Please attach the handwritten notes to the reflection

Reflections (3 total) – you must write a 1 page reflection for each 3 forms of media. Your reflections should include:

- **Speaker** – name of politician/figure, age, ethnicity, office or jurisdiction
- **Context** (green highlight) – date and location of speech, topic, current problems or issues pertaining to topic
- **Audience** (orange or pink highlight) – who was supposed to hear the speech? Be as particular as possible, considering employment types, social status, race, age and so on.
- **Messages** (blue highlight) – what values or priorities does he/she discuss?

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- **Purpose** (yellow highlight) – after hearing the messages, what was the audience supposed to do as a result? What was supposed to happen/change? These notes would be placed in the center of the triangle
- More votes in the elections?
 - More money donations?
 - New laws to be passed?