

# AP Language and Composition

## Summer Assignment

### 2022-2023

#### READING:

##### Full length works (Read both)

- The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston
- The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin

##### Excerpted works (Choose one)

- On Self-Respect* by Joan Didion
- A Talk to Teachers* by James Baldwin
- What Straight A Students Get Wrong* by Adam Grant

#### WRITING:

In AP Language and Composition, you will consider the power of writing to persuade and inform. The use of written and spoken language to persuade is called “rhetoric.” One key aspect of the course will be understanding rhetorical strategies and situations.

##### *Essay #1: Understanding Evidence*

Both of the full length works you’ve been asked to read are memoirs, but both touch on larger cultural and social issues. In a well-organized essay, discuss how Kingston and Baldwin use personal experience to develop nuanced understandings of the world. Your essay should be in MLA format, should use quotes from the book but not from other sources, and should be three pages.

##### *Essay #2: Rhetorical Analysis*

Choose one of the three essays listed. Write a five-paragraph essay that identifies the thesis, or main objective, of the essay, and that analyzes how the author uses evidence to support that thesis.