Dear A.P. Language Student:

We’re glad you are considering Advanced Placement English Language and Composition. The course is useful in preparing for college as it requires critical reading and writing skills necessary for success in any college class in any major. If you have any questions about the course, before school ends May 31st (schedule changes are not possible in the fall) see me, Mrs. Williford, in room 854 (Main Building) or email me at willifordk@duvalschools.org.

Purchase your initial book:
Thank You For Arguing, Revised and Updated Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, And Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion by Jay Heinrichs. [See Mrs. Williford in 854 about necessary loaners.]

Your first assignment for AP Lang will be a summer reading project.


[2] Read Chapters 1-4 of Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion by Jay Heinrichs. Annotate the work, using Adler’s guidelines. We will refer to this book throughout the year.

[3] Complete the columnist assignment, per the attached instructions. Use the information on emotion, logic, and character appeals from Thank You for Arguing and any other devices/techniques you have learned in previous classes.

**If you are confused about the idea of rhetorical analysis, consult the following websites for more information:
1. The University of Iowa Department of Rhetoric’s “Morphing Textbook: Rhetorical Analysis” page: (http://myweb.uiowa.edu/egand/writing_RA.html)
2. The University of British Columbia Writing Centre’s “Writing a Rhetorical Analysis” (http://blogs.ubc.ca/writingcentre/files/2013/01/Rhetorical-Analysis.pdf)

**ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, BRING THANK YOU FOR ARGUING BOOK. HAVE CH. 1-4 READ AND ANNOTATED.**

The columnist assignment will be due by the 2nd week of class.

Columnists as a Writer's Role Model
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Over the summer, you will be required to choose two editorials from one of the columnists from the list below. The assignment has three parts:

1. Print out the article. Each article must be annotated. You may annotate by color shading, using different colors for different strategies, with a key provided. You may write on the text and/or in the margins. **Do not just underline or highlight.** You must include the following if applicable:
   a. Speaker's tone
   b. Rhetorical techniques
   c. Organizational shifts
   d. Appeals to logic, ethics, or emotion (ethos, logos, pathos)
   e. Any fallacies being used (Use Ch. 1-4 of Thank You For Arguing)

2. After annotating, write a four paragraph response that includes the following:
   1st paragraph
   a. A brief summary of the author's main point.
   2nd paragraph
   b. A brief summary of the situation to which the author is responding.
   3rd paragraph
   c. The most salient strategies employed by the author.
      d. What is the author trying to accomplish with his/her writing?
      e. What rhetorical mode is being used by the author? (Cause and Effect, Exemplification, Narration, Description, Persuasion, Classification, Definition, Compare/Contrast)
   4th paragraph
   f. Your response to the article. Were you convinced? Was it interesting?
   g. This **must** be typed, 12pt font Times New Roman, double spaced, 1 inch margins. **Check for Grammar, Usage, Mechanics...THEY COUNT!**

3. Assemble your articles and responses in a folder with the response stapled on top of the article. Have the most recent article first. **This assignment will be due during the 2nd week of class.**

4. Each article/response is worth 50 points for a total of 100 points for the entire project. You will be graded on professional presentation as well as content. You are writing this for your English Teacher.
   We may repeat this process at the beginning of the New Year. You will choose a different columnist to follow the next phase. If you chose a conservative the first time, you need to choose a liberal this time and vice versa. **C= Conservative (Republican) L=Liberal (Democrat)**
   **All columnists can be found on the Internet.**

1. Deroy Murdock   C
2. Star Parker      C
3. Katherine Timpf C
4. Kyle Smith       C
5. John Nolte       C
6. Maureen Dowd     L
7. Arianna Huffington L
8. Markos Moulitsas L
9. Leonard Pitts, Jr L
10. Brian Till      L
11. Paul Krugman    L
12. Mona Charen     C
13. Michael Steele  C
14. Peggy Noonan    C
15. Jason Riley     C
16. Eleanor Clift   L
17. Michelle Malkin C
18. Rachel Alexander C
19. Mark Shields    L
20. Clarence Page   L