

## **AP Comp Summer Assignments**

AP Comp is a writing course, and to become a proficient writer, you need to both practice writing and to examine the work of accomplished writers. The summer assignments are designed to begin this process. Much of the work assigned will continue on during the coming school year, some will be the terminal, graded work.

### **Principal Reading**

Read 1984 by George Orwell, then complete **one** of the essay prompts below

(A)

You are in charge of selecting readings for XYZ School District. In a persuasive essay, justify the selection of this novel to a school board that has no particular familiarity with the book. Show the values of familiarity with and understanding of 1984.

Your paper may be of any length, but should examine a significant selection of the material presented in the book be sure to deal with Orwell's diction choices, figurative language and other elements of imagery to achieve his purpose as you perceive it.

(B)

Write an affective response: ie. '1984 makes me feel. . . .' Be sure to examine Orwell's plot, characterization, setting, diction choices, figurative language and the elements of imagery used to achieve this effect. Again, your expository (informative) paper has no required length, but thoroughness is key to effectiveness.

### **Journals**

We will keep two journals during the coming year. You may choose either to use a spiral bound notebook of at least 100 pages, or a paperback binder with loose leaf paper for each of the two journals. These journals will come to class with you on a regular schedule. You must begin each journal this summer; with minimum once weekly entries (more is encouraged)

#### **Personal Journal**

At least once per week, record an idea for a persuasive or informative essay that you would find it interesting to write about. These ideas could come from the news, from an experience over the summer that has some impact on you, or your general musings about the state of society or human nature. Be thorough with writing up your idea, as you will be asked to write essays during the course of the year based on them. The more specific detail you include, the easier it will be to write the essays. The journal will be kept all year, and I will review it with you on a regular basis.

#### **Editorial Model Journal**

Follow the newspaper editorials of some particular editorial writer, then:

Again, at least once per week you will make an entry into your journal based on an article by your selected editorialist. You should cut out and paste the editorial for that week directly into your journal, then briefly answer the following questions about the article:

- A. Subject
- B. Thesis or controlling purpose
- C. Apparent audience
- D. Your reaction to his opinion (one well developed paragraph)