

James S. Rickards High School Summer Reading

Attention: Parents and Students!



WHO: James S. Rickards High School Students taking AP Language and Composition.

WHAT: The following information outlines the assignment we have given to our Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Composition students for the 2021 James S. Rickards Summer Reading Program. This assignment is an addition to the school-wide Summer Reading Program and is intended for students enrolled in the AP Language and Composition course for the 2021-22 school year. This rigorous course requires that students analyze rhetoric by evaluating a speaker's strategic choices in addressing a specific audience. A requirement of the course is the AP Language and Composition Exam, which is created by College Board and administered at the conclusion of the year. This assessment includes writing three essays: synthesis, rhetorical analysis and argument. The following assignment will prepare students for what to expect.

Students are expected to complete the assignment by themselves, only using the power of their brain. If a student is caught plagiarizing, they will receive a 0%.

This assignment should be completed via a Word document. Students are encouraged to use their Leon County School's Office365 account, which can be accessed through ClassLink.

WHEN: This assignment will be collected within the first week of class during the 2021-22 school year.

CONTACT INFO: If you have any questions regarding our JSRHS Summer Reading Program, please feel free to contact Ms. O'Reilly, JSRHS ELA Department Chair, (oreillys@leonschools.net).

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Assignment: Write a full essay (including a clear introduction and conclusive paragraph) based on the following argument-based essay. Use evidence (which can include anecdotes, observations, newsworthy stories, etc. to support your claims) in your body paragraphs. Use the following checklist as a guide:

- ___ Introduction with a Thesis Statement
- ___ Several Body Paragraphs with Clear Claims to Support your Thesis
- ___ Evidence within your Body Paragraphs
- ___ Conclusion

Prompt: From talk radio to television shows, from popular magazines to Web blogs, ordinary citizens, political figures, and entertainers express their opinions on a wide range of topics. Are these opinions worthwhile? Does the expression of such opinions foster democratic values?

Write an essay in which you take a position on the value of such public statements of opinion, supporting your view with appropriate evidence.