

OAKBROOK SUMMER 2016 READING ASSIGNMENTS: AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE (11th)

AP English Language and Composition students must read the texts listed below and complete the required assignments. It is YOUR responsibility to obtain a copy of the correct edition of *50 Essays* and bring all three books to class on the first school day. Texts should be purchased so you can annotate them. Students should purchase books with little to no writing in them.

selections from *50 Essays: A Portable Anthology*, Samuel Cohen, ed. (first ed). If you purchase another edition, you will not have access to the essays we will read in class. Used copies of the first edition can be found at very affordable prices on amazon.com. Read the “Introduction for Students” (p. 1-8) for guidelines on annotating (do this before annotating *1984*). Then read and annotate the essays listed below:

“Listening” - Eudora Welty

“Mother Tongue” – Amy Tan

“How to Tame a Wild Tongue” – Gloria Anzaldua

“On Keeping a Notebook” – Joan Didion

“Learning How to Read and Write” – Frederick Douglass

“Learning to Read” – Malcolm X

“Aria: Memoir of a Bilingual Childhood” – Richard Rodriguez

“Language and Literature from a Pueblo Indian Perspective” – Leslie Marmon Silko

Assignment: Complete a multiple choice test within the first week of class. Annotations will be graded.

Nineteen Eighty-Four, by George Orwell. Annotate* your copy of the text thoroughly while you read. Complete the essay assignment below and turn in the first day of class. Annotations will be graded.

In a well-developed essay, analyze how figures of authority in Oceania (i.e., Big Brother) use language to shape the outcomes and beliefs of the people in the society. Use examples and quotations from this text to answer this question and be specific about the purpose of language. Consider the elements of Newspeak, contradictions/paradoxes, and the role of media in your response.

Requirements:

12-point, Times New Roman font, typed, double-spaced, no extra spacing, AND stapled.

MLA format (correct heading and header numbered after first page)

Works cited page for primary source

Correct parenthetical citation (see MLA Handbook for guidelines)

3-page minimum typed

The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien. Be prepared to take a multiple-choice test and write an in-class essay the first week of class. Watching only the film will **not** prepare you for the assignments. Annotate your copy of the book while you read—your annotations may be used for the essay assignment but will not be graded.

*How do I annotate?: In writing, comment on the significance of passages in the text while you read. Write notes in the margins of the book about claims, arguments, elements of language, tone, or any other aspects of the text you find significant.

