ARHS 2019 Summer Reading Assignment: AP Lang.

Book 1: *Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse*

*Upon return to school in September, you will also participate in a book discussion and/or writing assignment related to the novel. In order to prepare, use sticky notes to mark significant parts of the text and/or take notes on items you wish to share with the class.*

Book 2: *Anne Frank Remembered: The Story of the Woman Who Helped to Hide the Frank Family by Miep Gies*

Directions: Read the book and prepare for a book discussion and/or test when you return by taking notes and/or marking significant passages of text.

Writing Assignment: Sample AP Argument Essay

Compose an argument of at least 3 paragraphs that answers the prompt below. Complete the task in one hour. You will turn in your TYPED argument on the first day of school. This will be used for writing instruction and revision during the year.

**Prompt:** The following passage is from *Rights of Man*, a book written by the pamphleteer Thomas Paine in 1791. Born in England, Paine was an intellectual, a revolutionary, and a supporter of American independence from England. Read the passage carefully. Then write an essay that examines the extent to which Paine's characterization of America holds true today. Use appropriate evidence from your observations, readings, and/or experience to support your argument.

“If there is a country in the world, where concord, according to common calculation, would be least expected, it is America. Made up, as it is, of people from different nations, accustomed to different forms and habits of government, speaking different languages, and more different in their modes of worship, it would appear that the union of such a people would be impracticable; but by the simple operation of constructing government on the principles of society and the rights of man, every difficulty retires, and all the parts are brought into cordial unison. There, the poor are not oppressed, the rich are not privileged... Their taxes are few, because their government is just; and as there is nothing to render them wretched, there is nothing to engender riots and tumults.”