Dear AP English student,

Welcome to AP English Language and Composition! I’m excited to be teaching this class and I’m happy you have elected to challenge yourself with this college English course. I encourage you to read the course description and sample AP exam questions from the College Board website at https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-english-language-and-composition.

Here is a segment of the description from College Board:

Introduction
An AP course in English Language and Composition engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer’s purposes, audience expectations, and subjects, as well as the way genre conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. (College Board 2013)

Students can expect to become critical readers of mainly non-fiction texts, and to strengthen the effectiveness of their writing. All students are required to take the AP exam given in May, 2019 and may receive college credit.

In order to prepare for the start of the course in September, complete the summer reading assignments, and purchase the necessary text for the class. You will need to acquire a “clean copy” of the text without any writing or annotations. Do not purchase or borrow another book from a student that has writing already in it. It will be very helpful for you to take notes and annotate within the text like you will in college. Please see me if purchasing the texts is not feasible. Do not let this stop you from taking the course. I have several available for students to borrow.

Do not wait until the last minute to either complete the summer reading assignments or order the texts needed for the course. The required text is very common in the AP Language course and may sell out or be on backorder.

Purchase the following text in time for the first day of school: (Note the edition, if you get the wrong one, it will be a different text.)

ISBN: 9780312676506
Renee H. Shea, Lawrence Scanlon, Robin Dissin Aufses
Price from Amazon: (New); $95.00

If you have any questions over the summer, you may email me at klippincott@freelake.org.

Enjoy your summer and happy reading!
Ms. Lippincott