

Public Schools of Edison Township
AP Language and Composition
Study Guide for Summer Reading 2020

“Language exerts hidden power, like the moon on the tides” -Rita Mae Brown

Directions for Reading:

For your summer reading assignment, you are expected to read the following texts:

Thank You for Arguing (3rd edition) by Jay Heinrichs

Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

Read *Thank You for Arguing* **first** so that you can apply the skills and concepts learned from the text to consider *Freakonomics* through Heinrichs’ approach to argument.

As you read *Thank You for Arguing*, take notes which aim to outline the main points of each of the 30 chapters. These notes should be formatted for your personal use (you may choose from a t-chart, Cornell notes, bullets, outline, etc.); therefore, they should be structured to be a useful tool that can be referenced throughout the duration of the course.

Your notes should be comprehensive, striking a balance between demonstrating engagement with the text while avoiding unnecessary lengthiness. These notes may be collected.

Directions for Writing:

Select a chapter from *Freakonomics*. For that chapter, you will type a one-two page, written response in MLA format. Organize this response in the Cicero format outlined in the “Capture Your Audience” chapter in *Thank You for Arguing*. Compose your response based on the prompt below:

Levitt and Dubner claim that seemingly unconnected events have economic links. Write a response that argues your position on the extent to which Levitt and Dubner’s claim is valid. Use appropriate examples from the reading as well as your experience or observations to support your argument.

Directions for Submission:

Come to class on the first day of school with the following items:

- Both books read
- Notes on *Thank You for Arguing*
- One written response

Please note, all work will be submitted through Turnitin.

“Don't raise your voice, improve your argument.” -Desmond Tutu