

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

2008-2009

Currently, you are listed as a student enrolled in an *Advanced Placement English* course. Here is your summer reading assignment:

The Writing Life - Annie Dillard

Read and take notes on this text. (You may annotate your books but we will be collecting your notes for full credit, your notes must be neatly organized and typed). Be sure you analyze the following:

- How is the text structured? Explain what each section covers. What purpose does Dillard achieve with this structure?
- How does Dillard feel about writing? How do you know? You will want to be able to draw on specific passages that would support your opinion.
- This is a non-fiction text but Dillard uses many fiction devices. Examine the narrative structure of the text. What story does she attempt to tell? Is she successful in telling it?
- Examine the text for five key passages of approximately 100-175 words. Analyze each of the five passages closely. Comment on the diction, imagery, sentence structure, language and tone of each selection

On Writing - Stephen King

Read and take notes on this text. (You may annotate your books but we will be collecting your notes for full credit, your notes must be neatly organized and typed). Be sure you analyze the following:

- How is the text structured? Explain what each section covers. What purpose does King achieve with this structure?
- How does King feel about writing? How do you know? You will want to be able to draw on specific passages that would support your opinion.
- This is a non-fiction text but King uses many fiction devices. Examine the narrative structure of the text. What story does he attempt to tell? Is he successful in telling it?
- Examine the text for five key passages of approximately 100-175 words. Analyze each of the five passages closely. Comment on the diction, imagery, sentence structure, language and tone of each selection

In addition, you will need the following supplies and texts for the 2008/2009 school year:

Binder = 2" (at least)

College lined paper

Black and blue pens

Several colored highlighters

White-out

Post-it-notes

Tabs & dividers for the binder

See you in September!