

**AP Language and Composition**  
**2019-2020 Reading List**  
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**SUMMER:**

*The Elements of Style* William Strunk and E.B. White

**SCHOOL YEAR:**

<i>The Things They Carried</i>	Tim O'Brien
<i>John Adams</i>	David McCullough (You will read only a portion)
<i>1984</i>	George Orwell
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald
<i>Huckleberry Finn</i>	Mark Twain

You should purchase these actual texts so that you can annotate them. If you do not plan to write in the books, I have some available for students to check out (except for *The Elements of Style*).

You should consider having read all the books by the first day of class.

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:** YES, I WILL GRADE IT.

*The Elements of Style* – the new AP exam includes a grammar section. This assignment is designed to help prepare you.

1. Write each rule. Most of them are numbered, but in chapters III and IV, they are just listed. Don't omit any rules.
2. Write the example from the book. If no example is present, write the explanation.
3. Write your own example. Most of the examples in the book are short sentences; however, if the example is a short paragraph, then your example must also be a short paragraph. Don't be lazy.
4. You must type, as you will submit this assignment to *Turnitin.com* by midnight of the second day of class. I will give you the password on the first day of school.

Warning: The above assignment may cause dizziness, nausea, fatigue, and emotional distress. If you notice any of these symptoms, have a cup of coffee and work harder.