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TO: Students and Parents of Students Enrolled in AP English: Language and Composition
FROM: Ms. C. Bridget Kelly, AP English Instructor
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SUBJECT: Welcome to Course and Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to AP Language and Composition. You have made the right decision. This class is different from most English classes you have taken before; it will ask you to analyze writing, develop sound reasoning, and argumentation, as well as examine the power of language. The primary purpose of AP English courses is to give students a first-year college level reading and writing course that prepares them to encounter sophisticated texts with confidence, independence, and creativity.

Prior to the start of the fall semester, students enrolled in AP Language and Composition are required to read and analyze *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White and **one** nonfiction book selected from the following list:

- *Black Boy* by Richard Wright
- *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls
- *Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez* by Richard Rodriguez
- *The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston

It is strongly suggested that you purchase your books in order to “mark your book.” You will need to refer to both selections in order complete the two written assignments. [Specific guidelines for these assignments are attached.](#)

Argument and rhetorical analysis are important parts of the Advanced Placement Language and Composition course. To prepare to analyze, I have attached a list of rhetorical terms (refer to guidelines for summer assignments) that all students will need to know. Although it is not a summer requirement, it is suggested that you look up and record the definitions in a notebook. This notebook will serve as an ongoing glossary that you will use and add to throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with each of you next year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bridget.kelly@cpschools.com. I will be checking my email throughout the summer.