Welcome to AP Language and Composition! You are expected to complete the following reading and independent practice in preparation for this year's coursework. Upon your return to school in September, you will be assessed on your thorough comprehension of the texts.

**Sample Exam: Independent Practice**
- Complete the Sample Exam on pages 122-132 in the [2019 Course Description packet](#) for independent practice. They give you 17 multiple choice questions (the real exam has about 50) followed by 3 essay prompts; you should use the directions on page 116 to time yourself. Answers to the multiple choice questions are provided on page 133. You may see portions of this exam in class in September. ;)

**Summer Reading**
- **Words Like Loaded Pistols: Rhetoric from Aristotle to Obama** by Sam Leith (2016)***
  - ISBN: 978-0465096190
  - Special attention to the "Champions of Rhetoric" sections and the glossary. These sections will show you how to articulate your analysis of persuasive writing.

**Rhetorical Analysis Annotations**
- After reading *Words Like Loaded Pistols*, print and annotate these two speeches: [Susan B. Anthony & Bill Clinton’s Inaugural Address](#). Bring your annotated, hard copies to class with you on the first day of school.

**Top 200 Vocab Words for AP1 Language and Composition**
- Familiarize yourself with [these 200 words](#) before the first day of school (some of which are from the glossary of *Words Like Loaded Pistols*). This list was generated by last year's AP1 students based on what vocabulary they found most valuable throughout their year.

***Students are responsible for obtaining their own copy of *Words Like Loaded Pistols*. Copies can be purchased in bookstores or online, or accessed via the EBHS Media Center, or EB Public Library. Please contact Mrs. Jessica Loux ([jloux@ebnet](#)) by July 15, 2019 if you need further assistance acquiring the text.