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Welcome to AP Language and Composition! We have a full year of reading, writing, and test preparation next year, so we’d like you to get a head start. Please read the online texts prior to the start of school in August, and complete all assignments. Check the QOHS webpage under the English and Summer Reading links for complete explanations of assignments and copies of texts.

Texts:

- “She Would Have Enjoyed It,” George Bernard Shaw
- “Remarks to Wellesley College Class of 1996,” Nora Ephron
- Self-selected editorials (found at: nytimes.com, washingtonpost.com, or blueagle.com, etc.)
- A Futuristic Symposium: “Science Fiction from Below” by Mark Engler, and other selections

Many accomplished scholars annotate their texts by writing in the margins, underlining key passages, and summarizing chapters. We’d like you to do the same with the assigned readings.

Assignments: (these are summaries; full assignments are on webpage)

- Task #1: Respond creatively to Shaw in the voice of a friend.
- Task #2: Identify Ephron’s thesis and 6-10 claims.
- Task #3: Select, read, and annotate 3 columns by a journalist of your choice. Identify 2 signature rhetorical strategies and discuss their effect of the author’s voice.
- Task #4: Read and respond to the futuristic symposium.

Assignments will be submitted electronically (this means a CD or file transfer) during the first week of class. They will be graded for quality and depth of thought, NOT just completion. You may consult and/or quote outside sources, but you MUST give credit to these sources in parenthetical references and a works cited. All assignments will be submitted to Turnitin.com in the first week of school; be sure your work is properly documented and absolutely original. Make a good first impression.