

AP English Language & Composition 2017 Summer Assignments

These assignments are due the first day of AP Lang. & Comp. class. If you have questions, please contact me via email (jenniferczechowski@ccs.k12.nc.us) or Google Classroom (see below).

I have set up a Google Classroom for you; the code is **f6k4rh2**. You will find all the handouts you need there, and you may turn these assignments in there as well. In addition, please introduce yourself by posting your favorite (school-appropriate) meme. (I am easily amused.)

Assignment 1: SOAPSTONE Analysis of Three Speeches

Choose three of the following speeches:

- Ronald Reagan, “Remarks at Brandenburg Gate”
- Harvey Milk, “The Hope Speech”
- Shirley Chisholm, “Equal Rights Amendment”
- Cesar Chavez, “The Wrath of Grapes”
- George Washington, “Farewell Address”

For each, complete a SOAPSTONE analysis (see attached handouts). Be as specific as possible; support all assertions with evidence from the text. (Full text of each speech is available online; I will post links on Classroom.)

Assignment 2: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

NOTE: I am aware that there is a movie adaptation of this book. READ THE BOOK.

1. Complete a dialectical journal on the book. (See attached instructions.)
2. In an essay of 3-4 typed pages, answer the big question at the heart of this book: who should profit from the HeLa cells in particular, and medical advances in general? Does the Lacks family have any claim to the money that has been made from HeLa? Start with your own opinion, but be sure to use specific references to the book in order to support your thesis. You may also use information from current events or history as support.