



## WSHS AP Language & Composition: Summer Reading Assignment 2009-10

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One of the objectives of the AP Language & Composition class is to help students demonstrate their global, national, as well as their local knowledge of the world around them. Not only do we teach students how to write effectively and persuasively on a variety of issues, but we also introduce them to the various forms of rhetoric and persuasion an author may use to convince the reader of his/her particular thesis.

The AP Language & Composition summer reading assignment is designed to expose students to topics that relate to some of the core themes discussed throughout the school year.

Incoming AP Lang & Comp students **must** read *The Narrative Life of Frederick Douglass* in addition to **one** of the following books:

- *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- or**
- *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

Feel free to read both of the selections (but this is not required)!

In September you will complete a series of analytical assessments on your two books. Having personal copies of the texts and taking notes while reading is strongly recommended. Because AP Language focuses on analyzing style, rhetoric, and purpose, consider the author's tone, purpose and how he achieves that purpose as you read.

**Bring your books to class on the first day.**

We also advise you to begin making a habit of reading the national, international, and editorial sections of your newspaper daily, as well as some articles in one of the weekly news magazines.