

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

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This summer we will be studying “On Writing” by Stephen King. This book, while not complex, offers insight into the mind of one of America’s most prolific authors. In the book King outlines his life story, how it led to him becoming an author, and then some insight into some of the tools that make him successful.

Assignment: After reading the book you will write a 650 word narrative essay. This essay will serve as your introduction to me. I would like it to utilize some of the tips that were found in the book that you read over the course of the summer. This will also serve as one part of my diagnostic test on your writing skills. Because this essay is being written at home there should be several drafts of it. The final version should be close to perfection.

The essay must be typed and follow MLA format. If you are uncertain of what MLA format is, look it up at owl.english.purdue.edu. Essays will be collected the first day of class. It must be evident that you emulated some of the ideas that you learned from King’s book.

There is some harsh language in the book. If you, or your parents, are uncomfortable with that please contact Mr. Perkowski at jjperkowski@interact.ccsd.net for an alternate assignment.