2019 AP LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION (grades 11 and 12)

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Google classroom code: 2putpd. Please join ASAP no later than the last day of the 2019 school year (6/13/2019).

1. Non-fiction: *Lincoln’s Greatest Speech*. Take notes that you can use for in-class discussions and in-class writing assignments. Focus on rhetoric: the art of using language for persuasion. Add your own opinions and reactions. Note any vocabulary you do not know and look it up. Note writer’s style: diction & tone.

**Rhetoric** is the art of using language to persuade, motivate, or inform an audience via writing or speech. This is also known as the art of *discourse*. The goal of rhetoric is to move the audience to action through effective arguments. While rhetoric was originally seen as most important for political discourse, scholars who study it find examples of rhetoric in a wide range of fields, from fine art to fiction to architecture. Rhetoric is involved when communication is used to achieve a certain end. ([www.literarydevices.com](http://www.literarydevices.com))

   [http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2018/05/02/housing-affordability-crisis](http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2018/05/02/housing-affordability-crisis)

Listen and create two Google classroom posts in a blog format of 100 words or less: Include your response to the podcast, questions you may have, etc.

Check in dates (reply before): July 15th, August 15th

3. Memoir: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

We will use the memoir as a starting point at the beginning of the year to analyze style in writing.

The style in writing can be defined as the way a writer writes. It is the technique that an individual author uses in his writing. It varies from author to author, and depends upon one’s syntax, word choice, and tone. It can also be described as a “voice” that readers listen to when they read the work of a writer. ([www.literarydevices.net](http://www.literarydevices.net))