

AP Language and Composition
Summer Assignment 2024

For this year's summer assignment, you will have to read two books—*Thank You For Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates—and write a paper articulating your response.

Heinrichs's book is a catalogue and analysis of various rhetorical techniques, and how they can be employed in the service of articulating a persuasive argument. *Between the World and Me* is a memoir in which the author offers advice to his teenage son, based on how his own identity has shaped his relationship to the world around him. Your task is to discuss the latter book using the information from the former. Specifically, you must identify three techniques discussed by Heinrichs and employed by Coates, and evaluate how well they serve Coates's authorial purpose.

When formulating your response, you may want to consider some of the following questions: What is Coates's primary purpose in writing? What is his relationship to his audience? Does that relationship change over the course of the book, and if so, in what way? How, specifically, does Coates try to shape the readers' experience? Is he effective in specific instances? What about over the course of the book? In a book about identity, how well does Coates account for how the identity of the reader shapes the experience of reading? And on a personal level, were you susceptible to his argument? Why or why not?

Your paper should be as long as it needs to be in order to satisfy the requirements of the assignment in a compelling way. It should be formatted in the MLA style and saved as a Microsoft Word file. It should be submitted to turnitin.com by noon on Monday, 19 August.

(For turnitin.com, you will need to attach your account to this class. The class name is AP Lang (2024-2025). The Enrollment Key is *APLang2425*. The Class ID is 44169985. My suggestion is to set up access and submit a test assignment well in advance of the actual due date. You can always overwrite this test assignment with your actual paper.)

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