

PRHS Summer Reading/Writing Assignment for AP Language and Composition (Grade 11)

The following books are required summer reading for 11 AP :

1. *String Too Short to be Saved* (Donald Hall)
2. *50 Essays: A Portable Anthology, 2nd Edition* (Samuel Cohen, ed.)
ISBN#0-312-41205-3

String Too Short to be Saved is available through the high school and must be read in its entirety. Students are encouraged to buy *50 Essays* (through the school or on your own) as it will be used throughout the year. Only the following essays must be read for the first day of school:

Graduation

Why Don't We Complain

The Myth of the Latin Woman

Death of the Moth (Dillard)

What's Wrong with Animal Rights?

On Being a Cripple

Learning to Read

Aria: Memoir of a Bilingual Childhood

Me Talk Pretty One Day

Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions

Where I Lived and What I Lived For

Ain't I a Woman?

One More to the Lake

Television: The Plug-In Drug

Shooting an Elephant

Writing Assignment:

AP Language and Composition is a course that studies language, argument, and rhetoric. Choose two of the selections from *50 Essays* listed above and write an essay that compares and contrasts them as examples of persuasion. Take into account the speaker, the occasion, the audience, the purpose, the subject of the text, tone, and other rhetorical devices.

This assignment is due on the first day of class.