

Classroom Information **AP Language** Class

Summer Work

1. Prepare for College Entrance Exams (online websites, Princeton Review, practice books).
2. Read *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

You will have a **test** on the book **Tuesday, August 24**. You will be tested over the primary characters, plot, and message of the play.
3. Choose **one** of the topics on the back of this page and look up the topic on the Google Scholar AND the Internet. Find **one article on Google Scholar** and **one article from a different search engine** and fill out the document created for you on Google Classroom about the topic. This is due by the first day of school.
4. Explore College Board (for SAT) and ACT websites to get ready for the College Testing Season. Pay attention to activity schedules so you can sign up for SAT and/or ACT exams.

Websites

1. www.collegeboard.com (PSAT/SAT/AP information)
2. www.actstudent.org (ACT)

Important Dates for 2019-2020 School Year

1. PSAT given at school: Wednesday, October 13, 2022
2. AP Language Test Mid-May 2022

Supplies Needed

1. highlighter (any color)
2. post-it notes to use in books

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Tentative Reading List for AP Language

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup

Thank you for Arguing by Jay Heinrichs

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Educated by Tara Westover OR *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

David and Goliath by Malcolm Gladwell

The study of *Death of a Salesman*

1. Read the entire play (by yourself or with a group of other students) and watch all or part of the 1985 adaptation of the 1949 play directed by Volker Schlöndorff posted on YouTube. The staged play on YouTube deletes some parts of the play and rearranges some dialogue and events—director’s choices—but your watching it will allow you to view a very interesting interpretation of the play. Viewing the YouTube version of the play will, however, not suffice as a substitute for reading the play.

As you read, pay particular attention to and write up some notes in the margins about the way the **characters relate to one another**, the **ideas/expectations** the characters have **for themselves and other characters**, the **motivation** the characters have for the **actions** they take, and the **dreams** or ideas the characters have for their futures. All of the essay questions about the play will relate to the previous sentence.

2. Do some research on a topic incited by the reading of the play. Your research choices are boxed below. Fill out the chart on Google Classroom on the sources you researched and the information you learned from those sources. One of the sources you research should come from **Google Scholar** and one should come from the **World Wide Web**.

Research topics related to *Death of a Salesman*:

dementia	unemployment	underemployed	patriarchal systems
father-son expectations/conflicts		mother-son expectations	gender gaps
automobile accidents	retail businesses	mortgages	sibling relationships