

AP Lang Summer Reading Assignment
Thank You for Arguing — Jay Heinrichs

Welcome to AP Language & Composition!

This summer, you will begin developing the skills needed to become a strong reader, writer, and thinker by exploring how arguments work in everyday life using the text, *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs.

Assignment- Using the mentor text, *Thank You for Arguing* by Jay Heinrichs, complete the following:

1. **Rhetorical Terms Tracker:** Create a list of 10–15 rhetorical terms with definitions, examples from the book, and real-life examples.
2. **Argument in the Wild Journal:** Complete 3 entries analyzing real-world arguments you encounter.
3. **Mini Analysis Reflection:** Write a 1–2-page reflection on one concept from the book and connect it to real life.

Checklist:

- ✓ Completed reading
- ✓ 10–15 rhetorical terms
- ✓ 3 journal entries
- ✓ 1–2-page reflection

Category	Advanced (A)	Proficient (B–C)	Developing (D–F)
Rhetorical Understanding	Demonstrates strong understanding of rhetorical concepts with clear, accurate application	Shows general understanding with minor gaps or inaccuracies	Limited or inaccurate understanding of concepts
Application to Real Life	Insightful, specific real-world connections that enhance understanding	Relevant connections with some explanation	Weak, vague, or missing connections
Analysis & Reflection	Thoughtful, analytical reflection with depth and insight	Clear reflection with some analysis	Mostly summary with little analysis
Use of Evidence	Specific, well-chosen examples from text and real life	Some relevant examples used	Few or unclear examples
Completion & Effort	All components complete, polished, and thorough	Most components complete with adequate effort	Incomplete or minimal effort