



Summer Reading AP Language and Composition

Welcome to AP Language!

This summer, you must read both books listed below and write two essays. You must also be prepared to work on additional assignments relating to these books in September of 2019.

Each of your essays must be 3 pages in length, typed in Times New Roman 12 font and double-spaced. Each essay is worth 50 points.

Book #1

How Does It Feel To Be A Problem by Moustafa Bayoumi.

Arab and Muslim Americans are the new, largely undiscussed "problem" of American society, their lives no better understood than those of African Americans a century ago (the title of the book alludes to an essay by W.E.B. Du Bois). **In a well-written essay, analyze how the author, Bayoumi, uses prosaic storytelling (narration) to construct claims about the role of Muslim Americans in contemporary society.**

Book #2

Losing My Cool by Thomas Chatterton Williams.

Williams claims this memoir is a story of evolution or a coming of age (bildungsroman) tale. Explain what prompted the changes in the narrator and how he displayed his new perspective. **In your response, explain if you agree, disagree, or take any issue with the conclusions Williams draws about Black America, his own culpability, and education.**

You should email both of your essays to Ms. Davis *by August 26, 2019* - tdavis@nazarethrhs.org . You also should bring a hard copy of each essay with you to school, on Monday, September 9, 2019, which is the first day of regular classes.