

**AP Language and Composition
Summer Reading Assignment**

**June 2023
Miss Kish**

IMPORTANT: Please bring your materials with you to class on the first day of school and be sure to upload your work to Google Classroom. We will be discussing the assignments during the first several weeks of class. This class will be fast-paced; it is required that you stay on track with both reading and writing assignments.

Materials you will need:

- Folder for ENGLISH ONLY
- Pencils, pens, highlighters, loose leaf, colored pencils

Reading Materials:

- *A \$500 House in Detroit: Rebuilding an Abandoned Home and an American City*, by Drew Philp (You do NOT need a printed copy of the book.)
- *50 Essays: A Portable Anthology*, by Samuel Cohen (You DO need a PRINTED copy of the book. Any edition is fine.)

Please consider the following terms and definitions as you respond to the prompts below:

1. Rhetoric—a method or art of discourse that seeks to persuade, inform, or motivate an audience; using words for effect rather than information
2. Logos—rational appeal
3. Pathos—emotional appeal
4. Ethos—ethical appeal

Create a Google Doc that you will upload to Google Classroom. You will receive an invitation to join over the summer. Your responses to the assignments below will be due prior to the first day of school in September.

Read a *\$500 House in Detroit* and respond to the following questions:

1. Research and record information (bullet points are fine) about Detroit's infrastructure, including availability of/access to water, electricity, groceries, police, fire department, emergency services, etc. Do not use wikipedia. What is your reaction to what you learned?
2. Consider the author's decision to buy a house in Poletown. What prompted his decision?
3. In high school, we often read books or learn about seemingly insurmountable challenges where our individual efforts often have little impact. In what ways do Philps' experiences prove that an individual can make a difference, despite enormous challenges?

50 Essays Anthology Reading/Writing Assignment:

Read "On Compassion", by Barbara Lazear Ascher and "On Dumpster Diving", by Lars Eighner, and **respond to the questions at the end of "On Compassion"** in a Google Doc that you will upload to Google Classroom. You will need to read both essays before responding to the questions.



Watch the C-SPAN interview of Charlie LeDuff and note your observations. The link is below:

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?461512-1/detroit>

