

**A.P. English Language and Composition  
Summer Reading and Assignments, 2018  
Freedom Christian Academy  
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1. Please email me to confirm receipt of this assignment: [sfinkler@fcapatriots.org](mailto:sfinkler@fcapatriots.org)
2. Search online to find the article “How to Mark a Book” by Mortimer J. Adler, Ph.D. Print the article and read it, highlighting and annotating throughout.
3. Purchase the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. You will need a print edition of this novel, no e-books for this assignment. Also, since you will be writing in the book and using it throughout the course, I advise against borrowing a copy.
4. Read and annotate Fitzgerald’s book, following the guidelines in Adler’s article. I should see evidence of your reading and annotation on the pages of your book. Some students also use post-it notes for longer notes or annotation; that is optional. I should see strong evidence that you have interacted with this text by looking through the pages of your book.
5. You have no further written assignment for *The Great Gatsby* at this time, but be prepared to be tested on the novel soon after school resumes in August. We will use this novel as our first unit of study to prepare for the AP Lit exam and college reading and writing.
6. Because much of the reading and analysis we will do for AP English Language will include nonfiction works, visit [www.americanrhetoric.com](http://www.americanrhetoric.com) and click on Top 100 Speeches. Choose one, read it, and watch the video if available. On a sheet of notebook paper, write the name of the speech, the speaker, and the date of the speech. Do research as necessary to answer the following questions about the speech:
  - a. What is the purpose of the speech?
  - b. Who is the speaker (not just the name—where he/she fits into history, etc.)?
  - c. What is the occasion?
  - d. What is the significance of this speech?
  - e. Who is the intended audience; how does the speaker fit his/her speech to the audience and occasion?
  - f. What is the tone of the speech?
  - g. Was the speaker successful in his/her purpose?

\*List your source(s) and give evidence from the speech to support your answers.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these tasks, please contact me. I welcome your insights and look forward to our time together.