

Dear AP Honors Student,

Enclosed please find materials for your summer reading assignment:

1. Read *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe and *1984* by George Orwell. I would like you to obtain your own copy of either book so that you can practice annotating the text. I will check your annotations in the fall. See the attached explanation. If this is a problem, please see me.
2. For each novel complete a theme sheet which is attached.
3. Complete the following assignment:

Achebe is known for his straightforward writing style. He frequently writes in simple sentences with little subordination.

- a. Review passages in the book whose language, detail, sentence structure, or other writing technique interests you. Choose three different passages to discuss. Write out each passage.
 - b. Identify what Achebe does in each passage. This should include the denotative and connotative language, the types of sentences, sentence length, amount of attention given to the topic at hand, and specificity of detail. You may decide to investigate some linguistic aspects of Ibo language as well.
 - c. Next, use *1984* as a comparison. Identify the same elements for Orwell as you did for Achebe. You will need to select a minimum of three passages as you did for Achebe.
4. All work is to be done without any collaboration with other students or other resources except for looking up information on the linguistic aspects of the Ibo language. And that research is not to be in collaboration with any other student. Any student who plagiarizes or collaborates with anyone else will be in violation of the honor policy outlined in the student handbook. A zero will be given for the assignment and an honor policy violation will be put into process.
 5. I will collect all materials on the first Friday. All work will be graded.
 6. During the first week of class, you will complete a 40 minute timed AP writing which will relate to the summer reading. Bring your books and any notes you may have taken with you so that you may refer to them if necessary.

Although I will not be available at LVR during the summer, please feel free to e-mail me at <<judisue@aol.com>> if you have any difficulty with the assignment. Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to working with you this coming year.

Mrs. Grow