

**AP Language and Composition  
Summer Reading Assignments  
Pleasant View School**

In our AP Language and Composition course, we will focus on rhetoric and how rhetoric impacts our world lens. In doing so, the goal will be for you to become more informed citizens, skilled in deconstructing argument based on content, not our perception of what we feel the argument should be.

Selected works:

The Year of Magical Thinking – Joan Didion

The Book of Isaias -- Daniel Connolly

Select 3 Op Eds from any reputable news publication (i.e. Washington Post, New York Times, The Hill, US News, etc.) Be sure that these are op eds that interest you--you will be spending a good bit of time with them for the first several weeks of school!

For the first two works, we will examine how personal experience and narrative drive rhetorical purpose. In other words, how does experience impact rhetoric and vice versa? (Yes, there will be a paper assignment for both of these works, but the assignment will only be given after we have a thorough discussion of rhetorical devices and the rhetorical triangle.)

For the op eds, please bring them to class the first week. We will examine rhetorical devices and the rhetorical triangle as they relate to your op eds.

If you need assistance during the summer, feel free to email me at [jcartwrightalejo@pleasantviewschool.com](mailto:jcartwrightalejo@pleasantviewschool.com).