

Advanced English Summer Resources: AP Literature, AP Language, and Dual Enrollment Classes

Notes videos

Learning to take notes is a valuable skill in a college level class. Even if you have a system that works for you, watch a few of the videos below to be exposed to some ideas which could be incorporated into your own note-taking.

Cornell notes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtW9lyE04OQ&t=17s>

Sketch notes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gY9KdRfNN9w>

Mind mapping: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brTMbPyhZY0>

Annotation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5Mz4nwcIWc>

One student's many videos on her system:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc1QfIC90Nkf_SDBZwJScDQ

Interesting videos about cool ideas

You should be aware of what is going on in the world. Staying abreast of current events through various news outlets is important, but thinking deeply about those events, discoveries, works of art, etc. is also important. Here are two sites with videos on various topics that you will find interesting and will model this type of thinking.

The Nerdwriter is a weekly video essay series that puts ideas to work:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJkMI0u7faDgqh4PfbpLdg>

TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less): www.TED.com

Book lists

READ! Read as much as you can, especially works of merit, such as the award-winners and finalists from the lists below. AP Literature students should focus on fiction (novels, poetry and drama); AP Language students should focus on non-fiction. DE students should read a mix.

National Book Award winners (This link will take you to the list of years the awards have been given. Click on the year, then click on the appropriate category to see the winner and finalists):

<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>

Pulitzer Prize winners (AP Lit look the "Letters, Drama, & Music" section at "Fiction," "Drama," and "Poetry." AP Lang look at the "Journalism" section and at "History," "Biography," and "General Non-fiction" in the "Letters, Drama, & Music" section.):

<https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-categories>

Books commonly assigned to incoming college freshmen:

<http://commonreads.com/first-year-reading-categories/>

Free audiobook downloads (each week, a new pairing of an "adult" title with an "teen" title is released): <https://www.audiobooksync.com/>