

**To: All Parents of AP English Language and Composition Students**  
**From: Mark Wheeler (828-448-4002)**

Dear parents of AP English Language and Composition students,

As you all know AP language and composition class is designed to be a college level class. It is a class that is designed by the national College Board; the required tests and recommended textbooks are necessarily not Christian in their focus. I am writing this letter because I want you, as parents, to understand clearly the kind of material this class will cover. While the class is a language class, **the textbooks preferred by the AP College Board have a very clear bias towards several unbiblical perspectives.** I do believe that given the parameters of this class these are the best books we have available, and I can also assure you that these topics will be addressed in the light of Scripture. **However, I want you to understand clearly that your student will be exposed to much material that is going to argue persuasively on topics that are contrary to conservative Christian beliefs.** While I do not like having to deal with this material, I do believe that exposure to this material in a contained, protective environment will help the students develop as Christian students who filter everything through a Biblical worldview. **However, I do not want this goal to gloss over the objectionable elements in these books.**

Please take some time to look through these books. Note the title and slant of many of the articles. Also, be aware that some of the pictures depict and even advocate behavior that God condemns. I look forward to the opportunity to help students develop as Christian leaders through tearing down the enemy's strongholds of rhetoric, deceptive language, and outright lies, but **I do not want to do this without you clearly understanding that these textbooks are often antagonist towards Christian belief and practice.**

Once you have looked through the books, and understand what I am asking, please sign this form indicating that you completely support allowing your child to read this material for analysis in class.

Please also consider committing to pray for these students on a regular basis. The kind of godly thinking that we want to encourage in these students does not come from man.

If you have any questions please contact me ASAP. We cannot move on in this class until I have this signed form back from each parent.

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Parent Signature

***\*I have look through the two textbooks for AP Language and Composition and I understand that in this class my child will be exposed to material that is antagonistic to Christian belief and practice, but I am supportive of this process as long as the material is critiqued in the light of Scripture and biblical reasoning.***

The Textbooks are:

Kirszner, Laurie G., and Stephen R. Mandell. ***Patterns for College Writing with 2009 MLA Update: A Rhetorical Reader and Guide.*** Eleventh Edition ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2009.

Lunsford, Andrea A., and John J. Ruszkiewicz. ***Everything's an Argument. Fifth ed.*** Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2009.