

## ***AP English Language & Composition***

### **Summer Reading**

**2024 - 2025**

**Introduction:** For this summer’s reading assignment, please read and annotate *On Writing*, by Stephen King.

This assignment has two parts: (1) reading the text, and (2) responding to five short answer questions.

When answering the questions, consider King’s discussion about omitting needless words -- please keep your responses to 250 or fewer words each.

Your responses to the questions must be prepared and ready to submit electronically by the first day of school (9/3/24). Instructions for how to submit will be distributed then.

#### ***Questions:***

1. What is King’s purpose in writing this book? What does he want to achieve with it? Provide textual evidence to support your answer.
2. Describe King’s tone and discuss how this tone helps him achieve his purpose? Again, provide textual evidence to support your position.
3. King includes many personal anecdotes in the section of the book titled “C.V.” Choose two of these anecdotes and discuss how each one contributes to King achieving his purpose. Be sure to include textual evidence to support your position.
4. Identify two elements from the “Toolbox” section of the book that you found either surprising or meaningful or useful in some way. Explain why you had this reaction.
5. Finally, which part of the book did you find especially memorable and why? What do you think King did here that made this part of the book so memorable to you? Was it the language he used, the idea he illustrated, or something else? Please explain and include specific references to the text.

#### ***Parameters:***

- All answers must be the product of the student’s independent and original thinking and writing. Students may not work on these questions together. Plagiarized or AI-generated work will not be accepted.
- Students must keep their answers to 250 or fewer words each.
- Cite all evidence using parenthetical citations (No bibliography required)