

AP Language and Composition Students
Summer 2022 Reading Assignment
North Central High School
Miss Hare Room 219



Why Summer Reading?

North Central High School students engage in summer reading to honor and maintain their love of experiencing rich texts, and they interact with other readers as a way to grow and learn personally.

Summer 2022 Assignment:

This summer’s reading assignment will center around listening to a podcast.

1. **Choose a podcast** from the list of options and **listen to one season (minimum 10 episodes)**.
2. Fill out a podcast analysis worksheet (**one per podcast episode**).
3. **Keep a reading journal** as you listen to the podcast, following the options and instructions for journaling.
4. **Submit your journal on the first day of school!**
5. Keep listening! You can listen to as many of the podcasts as you’d like from the list below.

Scoring:

This summer reading assignment is optional. If you choose to complete this over the summer, you will receive extra credit for it at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. You will receive one grade for this assignment.

	M (Missing / Incomplete)	B (Complete)	A (Excellent)	A+ (Mastery)
Journal	No journal notes were submitted -OR- The submitted notes do not yet indicate thorough understanding of the entire podcast and must be revised for credit.	The submitted journal notes indicate complete understanding of the entire podcast, and may also consider some of the podcast discussion questions. Depending on teacher’s directions, these may be revised to possibly receive an A.	The submitted notes indicate thorough understanding of the entire podcast, and consideration of most of the podcast discussion questions	The submitted notes indicate thorough understanding of the entire podcast, and complete engagement with all of the podcast discussion questions.

Step 1: Choose a podcast

- Choose a podcast from the list below. Most are available free on Spotify, iTunes, or the podcast's website.
- Listen to **1 complete season** or **10 episodes** if it isn't divided by season.

Tip: google a few different podcasts to learn about them and find one you like

Subject	Podcast Title
History	1619 Project Revisionist History Stuff You Missed In History Class The History Chicks
Crime/Law	Breakdown Ear Hustle Serial The Grift
Economy	50 Things That Made The Modern Economy Freakonomics How I Built This Planet Money
Identity	CodeSwitch LBGT Stories Other: Mixed Race in America What Would a Feminist Do?
Arts	Dissect Fresh Air Pop Culture Happy Hour Song Exploder
Politics	Intelligence Squared Pod Save America The Run Up What Trump Can Teach Us About Con Law
Science	Flash Forward Sawbones The Hidden Brain The Sustainable Futures Report
Education	Getting In Talks With Teachers
Philosophy	History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps Philosophize This!
Food	Gastropod The Dinner Party Download

Step 2: Keep a journal of notes as you listen

For each episode you listen to, keep notes in a reading journal. This can be a physical journal, a stack of sheets of paper, or a document you create and keep online. Use the options below as a guideline and in any case use the podcast discussion questions to guide your notetaking and reflections. **You will submit your journal notes to your teacher.**

Note-taking options:	
Two-column notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use a two-column format (sample here) to engage in a written dialogue with each episode. ● In the left column, write important excerpts from the text. ● In the right column, respond to the text -- explaining significance, logging questions, making connections, etc. This is where you can include your reflections, analyses and answers to the podcast discussion questions.
Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a structured outline of each episode, focused on the theme and supported with textual evidence, guided by the podcast discussion questions. ● It may be helpful to organize your outline based on the plot or section, if it exists in the text. (sample outline here)
Mindmap or Sketchnotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a visual representation of each episode. Use lines, arrows, bubbles and/or sketches to link notes to the theme. ● Your notes, in any format, should be guided by the podcast discussion questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mindmapping information here ○ Sketchnotes: Sketchnote Army, Doodlers Unite!, ○ Resources for online notetaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coggle: create mind maps ■ Google Drawing: create diagrams, charts and images in google ■ Padlet: arrange your notes into charts, mood boards, storyboards and more: ■ Ziteboard: create sketchnotes and mind maps

Step 3: Submit

You will submit a physical copy of your summer reading assignment the first day of school!

Make sure to submit:

- Your journal reading notes (**printed document or handwritten pages**)