

Summer Reading Assignment

The common summer reading book (**REQUIRED** for all students) for HHS AP Language is *Fist Stick Knife Gun* by Geoffrey Canada. Read the book and complete a journal entry for each chapter, including the Preface. As the book has 25 chapters, you will have 26 entries. You may type or handwrite the entries. Be prepared to turn in the assignment on the first day of class.

For each journal entry, **state the main argument** in *one complex or complex/compound-complex sentence* in the left hand column. In the right hand column, write **one quote** from the chapter, including the page number, and **explain** how the quote supports the main argument.

Use this website for a review of sentence structures: <http://grammar.about.com/od/c/g/comcomplexterm.htm>

Below is an example from *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. At the end of the document is a blank template you may use.

Argument Graphic Organizer Example

Chapter Number/Main Argument	Quote/Explanation
In Chapter 8, “The Most Dangerous Job,” Schlosser argues that because meat-packing companies focus more on profits than on the well-being of their employees, their workplaces are among the most hazardous due to increased pressure to speed up production lines, reliance on undocumented workers, and minimal oversight by governmental agencies.	<p>Quote: “During the same years when the working conditions at America’s meatpacking plants became more dangerous—when line speeds increased and illegal immigrants replaced skilled workers—the federal government greatly reduced the enforcement of health and safety laws” (178-9).</p> <p>Explanation: Schlosser sums up his major claims in this sentence. Earlier in the chapter, he describes in detail the working conditions in the meat plants, and provides anecdotal data about how companies have turned to undocumented workers because they are less expensive and less likely to speak out. Later in the chapter, he provides data to support his claim that the OSHA does not consistently enforce governmental regulations.</p>

Argument Graphic Organizer Template

Chapter Number/Main Argument	Quote/Explanation
In Chapter __, “_____,” [complex or complex/compound sentence].	<p>Quote: “_____” (xx).</p> <p>Explanation:</p>

District Policy

Students enrolling in English III AP Language will read one common book and one choice book from the list below:

Common Reading (Required for all):

Fist Stick Knife Gun by Geoffrey Canada

and

One Choice book from this list:

Demon in the Freezer by Richard Preston

The Devil's Highway by Luis Alberto Urrea

The Cheating Culture by David Callahan

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain

The Overachievers by Alexandra Robbins