

AP English Language and Composition Summer Reading 2018-2019

1. *The Best American Essays 2017* edited by Leslie Jamison
2. *The Elements of Style*, 4th Edition, by Strunk and White

Reading Directions

1. *The Elements of Style* will be a required reference book for the 2018-19 AP English Language and Composition class. No reading responses are due for *The Elements of Style*. Bring your personal copy to the first day of class.
2. Prepare a reading response journal for *The Best American Essays 2017*.

Journal Requirements

- A composition book (standard size).
- A minimum of a one page response for each essay.
- Responses should include a brief overview of each essay; commentary on the author's writing strengths and weaknesses; a discussion of parts of the essay that you consider significant; and, a discussion on what the essay can/cannot teach you about how to write an engaging, thought-provoking essay.
- Generate a list of unfamiliar words for each essay. Include the sentence in which the word appears. Define the word and include the word's part of speech.
- The journal is due on the first day class.