

# Parkside High School

## 11 AP English Language and Composition Summer Activities

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1. Practice the new SAT verbal test by going to any of the sources listed below. Try to practice vocabulary and reading at least once per week.  
<http://connection.naviance.com/parkside>  
<https://sat.collegeboard.org/home>  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>  
<http://vocabulary.com>

Remember that the SAT is still an important part of the college application process so by practicing now, you may be able to improve those verbal scores by 40-60 points.

2. Read 1984 by George Orwell. As you read, think about how the influence of government suggested in the novel is similar or different from governments around the world today. Be prepared to provide specific textual evidence and page numbers to discuss any comparisons.
3. Copy, read, and think about the central idea for each of the genres listed below.
  - An essay by George Orwell (any one of his essays)
  - A sermon by Jonathan Edwards (any one)
  - A speech by each of the following Winston Churchill, Malcolm X, Sojourner Truth (any speech for each of the 3 listed)
  - A memoir by Maya Angelou (any recollection/an excerpt)
  - A visual political cartoon (by any illustrator)
  - A news photograph (by any news photographer)

Please note that the county requires that 11 hours be spent on the summer assignment; please feel free, however, to take more time as desired to effectively practice the new SAT vocabulary assignment.

Happy reading and thinking! Have a fun summer.