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AP LANG: Summer Work  
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### **Rationale:**

As you begin critical reading and writing for this class, you will begin packing a toolbox that will be useful in your future studies and careers. Every activity and assignment is intended to help you pack that toolbox with a new tool so that you can access it first for the AP exam and later for academic and personal success. With that being said, summer work is not intended to be busy work. The reading will keep your mind active, and it will also allow the class to begin smoothly and seamlessly. Once class begins, we will discuss and write about both books.

You are to read the following materials:

\**Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser

\**The Book on Writing: The Ultimate Guide to Writing Well* by Paula LaRocque

### **Read *The Book on Writing: The Ultimate Guide to Writing Well*, and complete the following writing assignment: 10 formative points**

Write a 1-2 page reflection elaborating on some of the strategies suggested for writers in the book. Your elaborations can include new insights into the writing process, how and if the book has changed the way you look at writing in general, and strategies you can put into action immediately. You can quote or paraphrase and react, but the bulk of the assignment should be your reflection rather than paraphrase from the book.

### **Complete a Dialectical Journal for *Fast Food Nation*: 10 formative points**

\*Select 10 passages from the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

\*Write out the entire passage and include page number

\*Summarize the passage, and give the context.

\*This is not a personal reaction. Instead it is an analysis. In other words, explain how this selection supports, clarifies, or elaborates on the author's claim or other arguments within the book. This should be the longest section of the Dialectical Journal.

Dialectical Journal Format:

Entire quotation or passage from text with page number	Summarize the passage, and give the context of the passage.	Analyze and react (Why is this significant? What are the implications? How does this support the writer's claim?)