Welcome to AP English Language and Composition, a course that requires students to thoughtfully engage in the analysis of language choices in varied texts at the college level. In preparation for the rigor of the course and in preparation for your first assignment, you are required to read ONE of the following non-fiction texts and complete the responses (listed below). The books are widely available online, in bookstores, and in libraries; either the hardcover or paperback, digital version or book on tape version is fine.

*The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathan Haidt

OR

*Crying in H Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner

OR

*The Lost Boys of Montauk: The True Story of the Wind Blown, Four Men Who Vanished at Sea, and the Survivors They Left Behind* by Amanda M. Fairbanks

OR

*The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann

**REQUIRED RESPONSES:** As you do a close reading of this book, you must take note of passages that resonate with you in terms of language and content. Be sure to indicate specific passages (and page numbers) and bulleted notes as to why they resonate with you. The quality and quantity of your annotations will aid in the foundational work in rhetoric you will engage in the first weeks of class to complete the first major writing assignment.

BRING YOUR RESPONSES AND THE TEXT WITH YOU TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Have a safe, healthy, happy summer!