



**Cambridge Assessment
International Education**

GENERAL PAPER SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your decision to enter the Cambridge Program! I am looking forward to working with you as well as helping you achieve your potential as critical readers, strong writers, and deep thinkers throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Throughout this course you will learn a new approach to reading complex materials with a new eye to detail that you have not previously experienced. You will learn to complete close reading, annotation, and explication of passages for a more in depth understanding of language and rhetorical strategies employed by writers for the purpose of analysis, argument, and narrative, descriptive or imaginative writing. You will also learn to employ these strategies for your own writing purposes. In order to approach this course of study, you will need to be familiar with some terms that are commonly discussed in this sort of analysis. This is the basis for the first part of your summer assignment.

Below the terms assignment, you will find your summer reading(podcast) assignment. Please note the due date for all work is Tuesday, August 13th (second day of school). The purpose of this summer work is to prepare you for the coursework and deep thinking that lies ahead. Your work will also allow me to see how you think, analyze, and write. Please complete these assignments to the best of your ability and let me know if you have any questions by email or by joining the Remind messaging app by texting @McKenzieGP to 81010.

Have a great summer,

Elizabeth McKenzie

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Summer Assignment Part 1: Terms

- ✓ Secure a binder (minimum 1" binder) with several tabs.
- ✓ Label the first tab "Rhetorical and Literary Terms Glossary."

Record the following terms into that section along with a definition for the term and an example that demonstrates the term's meaning.

Literary Terms

anaphora	apostrophe	diction	irony	parallelism
antithesis	appositive	epithet	jargon	parenthesis
allegory	cliché	euphemism	metaphor	rhetorical question
allusion	connotation	expletive	metonymy	slang
amplification	denotation	figure of speech	oxymoron	synecdoche
analogy	dialect	hyperbole	paradox	understatement

Summer Assignment Part 2: Podcast Assignment

In General Paper, you will learn to look at issues through multiple lenses in order to generate ideas about particular issues and understand an array of topics from different vantage points. For the summer, I would like for you to listen to five different podcasts that fit under each lens demonstrated below on the hand. Here is a list of podcasts that would fall under these lenses for you to choose from:

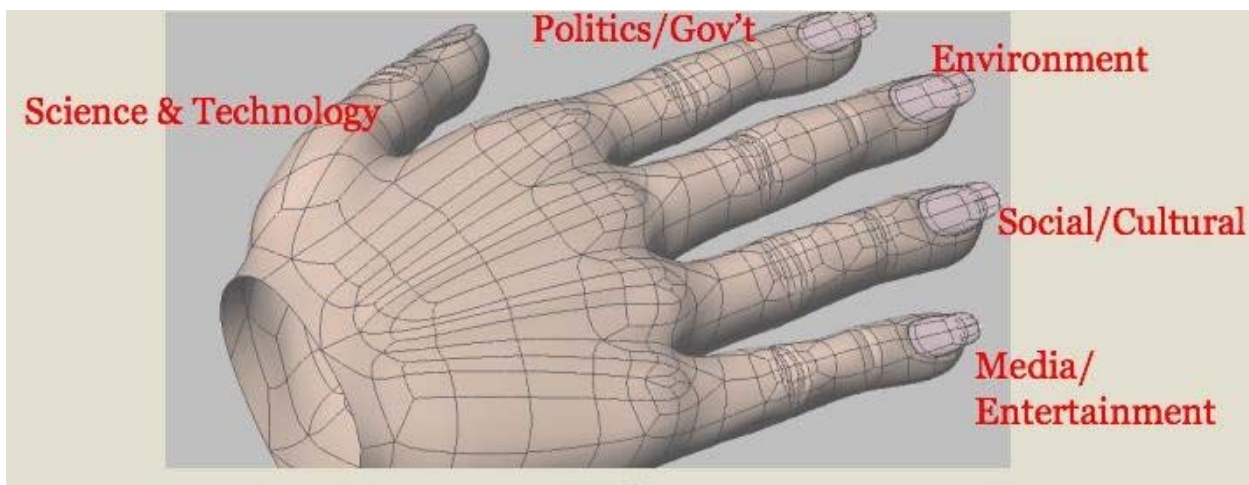
- Hidden Brain
- Invisibilia
- Radio Lab
- Serial
- Lore
- Stuff You Should Know
- Pop Culture Happy Hour
- Ted Radio Hour

Here is a more exhaustive list: <https://www.teachthought.com/education/50-of-the-best-podcasts-for-high-school-students/>

✓ Label the 2nd tab in your binder “Podcast Log”

You will keep a Podcast log where you will write the name and episode of the podcast you listened to, a couple sentence summary of the podcast, how and why that podcast fits the lens you’re placing it under, and then something you learned from it. The log should be handwritten and should be near, but not more than, 250 words. Please include a word count.

Some podcasts may fall under multiple categories and that’s okay. For example, the one in the sample entry attached could be scientific since it references specific research and interviews researchers but also social and cultural for the reasons journaled. Just select **one** category to journal it under. You have to listen to at least **five** podcasts, **one** from each category even if there is overlap, resulting in a total of **five** podcasts and five entries, just like your **five** digits on your hand!



Sample Entry

1. Science and Technology:

2. Politics/Government:

3. Environment:

4. **Social/Cultural:** Hidden Brain “Baby Talk” May 14th. This episode explores how babies communicate with babbles and noises before they have a command of spoken language. This podcast would fall under the lens of social and cultural since how babies are socialized and responded to varies by culture and is by definition social. I learned that even when babies seem as though they are babbling they are actually communicating and what they’re trying to say is knowable according to researchers. I thought it was really cool that baby babble is an area of research.

Word Count: _____

5. Media/Entertainment: