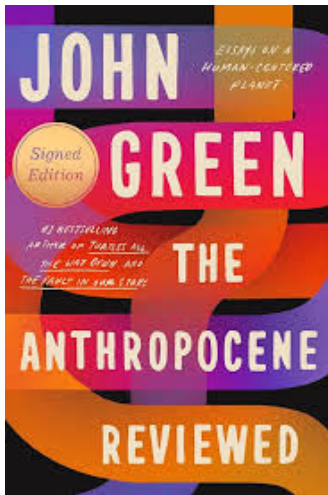


2024 AP Language Summer Reading: *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green



“Masterful. *The Anthropocene Reviewed* is a beautiful, timely book about the human condition—and a timeless reminder to pay attention to your attention.” —Adam Grant, #1 bestselling author of *Think Again* and host of the podcast *Re:Thinking* -*adapted from Amazon reviews

Named after the current geologic age in which humans are responsible for reshaping the planet, this collection of essays by bestselling author John Green examines different facets of life and human existence and reviews their impact on a five-star scale.

This text will serve as a foundation for our study of argumentative writing. Throughout the course of each review, Green works to persuade his audience of the validity of his review. As you read, pay attention to the techniques Green uses, to which arguments are especially persuasive, and why. When we return, we will look at a few of the reviews more closely, and you will write your own review on a topic of your choosing.

ASSIGNMENT: Green’s text includes 47 reviews. **You must read the Introduction plus 15 reviews. “Diet Dr Pepper,” “Auld Lang Syne,” and “The Orbital Sunrise” are required;** however, the remaining 12 of the reviews are yours to select, so choose topics that interest you. Complete the attached chart that documents your reading and your thinking. **This worksheet is due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21.**

Note: Be sure your choices, thinking, and writing are your own. If your work too closely resembles that of another student, or if your work is not your own, it will be marked as missing and returned to you to be redone. Late penalties and other deductions will apply.

Elements of the chart:

Date completed* column: Please note that there is no "right" timeline for completing the 15 reviews throughout the summer. You can select your own pace - just make sure that you have completed them all by the first day of school on August 21.

Primary argument column: State Green’s primary argument in 1 sentence. These should be thoughtful, arguable statements. Ex: Snowflakes are a metaphor for the ideal human experience. OR The freedom of seagulls is enviable.

Personal reflection column: Compose a 3-5 sentence personal reflection on Green’s review. These reflections should respond to something specific about the review – a technique or example that Green used, the connectedness of one of his metaphors to your life, etc. Your reflections should show reading, understanding, and thoughtful, original processing. Please proofread carefully. Quality matters.

If you have any questions about the assignments or the course, please email Ms. Czarnota:
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Name _____

Chapter title	Date completed*	Primary argument	Personal reflection
“Diet Dr Pepper”			
“Auld Lang Syne”			
“The Orbital Sunrise”			

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