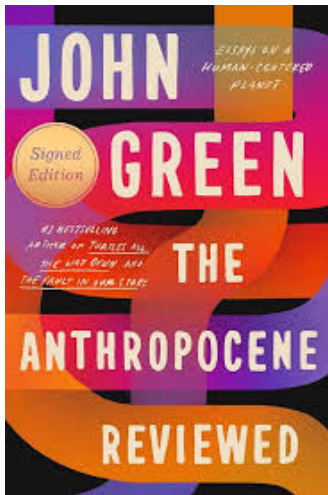


2025 AP Language Summer Reading: *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green

“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 both rhetorical analysis and 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, which arguments are especially persuasive, and why. When we return to school, we will look at a few of the reviews more closely, you will complete a written argument on one of Green’s reviews, 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 10 reviews.**
 - **“Diet Dr Pepper,” “Auld Lang Syne,” and “The Orbital Sunrise”* are required;** the remaining 7 of the reviews are yours to select, so choose topics that interest you.
- Complete the attached chart that documents your reading and your thinking. Mark at least two pieces of evidence in each review that support Green’s argument. **This chart is due on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 20.**

Please note that there is no "right" timeline for completing the 10 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 20.

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. Use of digital revisions tools, e.g. Grammarly are NOT permitted. Your teacher wants to get to know YOUR writing.

*Note: Some versions of the book do not contain “The Orbital Sunrise.” If yours is missing this chapter, a quick Google Search will connect you with the [podcast and its transcript](#). Be sure to print out the transcript to complete the assignment.

ASSIGNMENT DIRECTIONS (completing the chart):

For each of your 10 reviews, state Green's primary argument in 1 sentence. These should be **thoughtful, arguable** statements that connect to Green's primary purposes/goals as he states in his Introduction. Example: Because they are both highly individual and gain greater impact by being part of a group, snowflakes are a metaphor for the ideal human experience. OR The freedom of seagulls is enviable. Please proofread your arguments carefully.

HANDWRITE these arguments on the attached chart.

Once you develop an argument (1 sentence) for each of your selections, **mark** at least two different pieces of evidence in the review that represent how Green supports his argument. Underline, highlight, or mark with a post-it. This will prepare you for our in class writing assignment. Be sure to hold onto the book; we will be revisiting it in class.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED (15 points writing/research)**PRIMARY ARGUMENTS****PROFICIENT:**

- Accurate and original, but may be somewhat obvious.
- Represent understanding of the review as a whole.

MASTERY:

- Thoughtful and original; demonstrate depth of thinking and understanding.
- Clear and thoughtful connection to Green's primary purpose

CONVENTIONS**PROFICIENT:**

- Proofread and error free; clear and articulate
- May rely on simple sentence structure

MASTERY:

- Diction (word choice) demonstrates sophistication of thought and voice.
- Use of varied structures shows complex understanding and sophistication of thought and voice. (Be sure your complex sentences are still clear and articulate.)

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

PART 1: According to the Introduction, what is the purpose of Green’s reviews? Write your answer in the space below.

PART 2: You must HANDWRITE the following information.

Chapter title	Primary argument
1 “Diet Dr Pepper” (required)	
2 “Auld Lang Syne” (required)	
3 “The Orbital Sunrise” (required)	
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Chapter title	Primary argument
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