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AP ENGLISH 12

Unit 1: The Good Life

Summer Reading

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Summer Reading Assignment

Over the summer, please:

1. Review the course pack.
2. Read and annotate the following entries in the course pack:
 - How to read this course pack
 - AP Language **Hows and Wherefores**
 - Useful **Taxonomies**
 - Everything's An Argument: **Rhetorical Analysis and Structuring Arguments**
 - Joyce Carol Oates, "**Ten Tips for Writing**" From Twitter
3. Read and annotate the following entries in the course pack:
 - George Orwell, "**Shooting an Elephant**"
 - David Brooks, "**The Organization Kid**"
4. Respond to the following prompts for each reading, in no less than 1 page:
 - "Shooting an Elephant": Analyze the rhetorical strategies Orwell uses to consider and criticize imperialism.
 - "The Organization Kid": David Brooks' seminal essay, "The Organization Kid," posits that the young men and women of America's future elite work their laptops to the bone, rarely question authority, and happily accept their positions at the top of the heap as part of the natural order of life.

In researching what the best and brightest of today's youth were like on an Ivy League campus in Fall 2001, Brooks has occasion to question the activities, clubs, trophies, and churn that we put today's most promising students through – and whether or not we are, in the process, creating less noble citizens.

Write an essay that agrees or disagrees with that premise.

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