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AP Language & Composition

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**Part One: Required Non-Fiction Texts**

1. *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America* by Barbara Ehrenreich
2. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah
3. *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion

**\* Have these books read and ready to be discussed on the first day of school. \***

**Part Two: Newspaper Project**

Collect **five** opinion columns/articles from the *New York Times*, *Star-Ledger*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair*, *Time*, *Newsweek* or any other notable publication. You can find opinion articles from most of these sources for free online if you do not receive them in the mail. Try to collect articles that have been published approximately one week apart so that you can track topic trends from throughout summer. For each article, please write an extended response paragraph.

Which strategies did the author use to make his or her writing effective?

*Note: If you are unsure about your article or publication selection, please email me at [clo@westex.org](mailto:clo@westex.org) and I will let you know whether or not your choice is acceptable.*

**\* Please hand in all articles and responses on the first day of school. \***