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Advanced Placement Summer Institute
English Language and Composition

Dear Colleagues,

I am Valerie Stevenson, your presenter at this year's AP summer institute. I am looking forward to meeting you and working together. This workshop, informally labeled as "mixed," is designed to meet the needs of teachers who are both new to teaching the course as well as those who are experienced in teaching AP English Language and Composition.

It is my hope that the workshop is a healthy mix of big picture ideas and practical classroom strategies. I want participants to understand what students need to know and be able to do in this AP rhetoric course and to have an answer to the question every busy English teacher has, "So, what do I do on Monday?"

It is also my hope that the week will be engaging, fun, very informative, and even inspiring. Though the week will be busy, there will still be the time that all teachers long for, the time simply to talk with colleagues about the issues that matter to them. While this is always a strength of the institute experience, it is often particularly fruitful in our "mixed" groups.

Much of the richness of the week will come from your having time to share your ideas with each other, both formally and informally. So, if you would like to (seriously, this is totally voluntary), please bring one best lesson, idea, handout, etc. to share with the group. Please bring 30 copies. Be sure your name is on your work--in AP Lang we are all about attributing our sources! We will work out a schedule for sharing once we see what we have.

I know that by working together we can create a valuable learning experience for ourselves. I will see you at the institute!

Best regards,
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