

# **Summer Work For AICE English Language A Level Students**

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Summer Learning will focus on **one** of the following:

***Spoken Here (Abley) ISBN: 009946022x***

***The Genius of Language (Lesser) ISBN: 1400033233***

Students are not required to acquire a paper-copy of the text for the 2024-2025 school year. It is suggested that students acquire a copy during the summer to make annotation easier. Once you have picked and read your book, select **three** sections/chapters to analyze more closely:

1. Annotate the chosen selections: Students should focus their annotations on the aspects of language the text explores (history of language, language death, syntax, thought, etc.). If you are not annotating physically, then create a set of notes regarding important parts of the text.
2. Write a 3-5 page typed and double-spaced essay (1000-1500 words) on the corresponding prompt:

*With your newfound understanding of language, how has your own language developed within your lifetime, influenced your thought/perspectives, and become a tool that you wield?*

*Additionally, what do you feel is the most important language information presented in the text and how does it apply to your own language use?*

Please use specific references to both the text and your own life experience.

## **Benefit of this assignment:**

Hopefully through this assignment, you not only find something engaging to read in the summer, but also gain greater insight into the concepts we will be covering throughout the course of the year. This will also be a **test** Grade in Quarter 1—an easy way to start the year strong!

**The essay must be your original work, reflecting specifically on the book you chose; do not plagiarize. If you use other sources, you must quote and cite appropriately. Plagiarized papers will receive zeroes and be subject to disciplinary consequences.**

Make sure to consider your examples carefully and develop your ideas fully.