

**AP English: Language and Composition
Nonfiction Data Sheets**

Title:

Author:

Date of Publication:

Genre:

**Information about the person
or subject's place in history:**

(Why is this person or subject worthy of a book?)

Name: _____

Author Information

- Who is the author?
- What are the author's qualifications for writing on the subject?
- Is the author an authority in the subject area? How does the author present the subject and his/her expertise?
- Do the acknowledgements and bibliography indicate thoughtful research? (cite your sources)

QUOTATIONS: (Your choices should be **SIGNIFICANT** to and **REPRESENTATIVE** of the book and your explanation should include discussion of this significance. Include page numbers and put your choices in order.)

Quotation	Device and Explanation
1.	
2.	
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10.	

WRITING STYLE

Discuss the author's style. Include the following as part of your discussion: Is the language level appropriate? Is there clarity to the style of writing? Is the material fairly easy to follow and understand? Does the author avoid stereotypes and generalizations? Does the author avoid didactic and condescending language? You must discuss the author's syntax as well as his/her use of tone, diction, and form (how does he/she develop the story).

Significance of the introduction:

Significance of the ending/closing:

Format of the Work

Does the author use the typical chronological approach in organizing the writing or a different pattern? Does the layout of the material contribute to a natural flow of information? How does the organization of the writing contribute to the reader's ability to understand it? Is the pattern easy to follow? Discuss the book cover- Appropriate? Significance?

POSSIBLE THEMES: PURPOSE

Explain the author's purpose in telling this story. Why is he/she telling it? Is there some greater motive? What is it? Additionally, what are you supposed to get out of this work? What are the overall themes developed in this work?

(Use quotations to support your themes. Themes should be written as "messages" in sentence form.)