**Assignment:**
I. Read “Sinners at the Hands of an Angry God” by Jonathan Edwards, and “A Whisper of AIDS”, by Mary Fisher. These speeches can be found online at [www.americanrhetoric.com](http://www.americanrhetoric.com). (Bring copies with you - marked up with margin notes). For each speech, answer the following questions:

1. Who is the speaker?
2. Who is the audience?
3. Why would the audience listen to this speaker; why is he/she credible?
4. What is the author’s purpose of the speech?
5. Why is the background (time period and historical context) important to understanding the author’s purpose?
6. What is the subject of the speech?
7. What is the author’s attitude toward this subject? (this is called tone)
8. What language techniques (literary devices, diction (word choice), etc..) does the author use to achieve this purpose?
9. Is the author effective in achieving his purpose? Explain.

II. Respond to the following: (What do you think these phrases mean? Reflect on your reading and writing process)

*Writing is thinking.*
*We read as writers and write as readers.*
Supplies/Materials you will need:
- Notebook (spiral or binder), folders, post-it notes, index cards, highlighters.
- Any AP Language and Composition Test Prep Book - latest edition to reflect recent changes to exam.

The following is a list of books we will be reading in class. I have class sets of these, so you do not have to buy them. It is suggested, however, that if you want to write/annotate in the book, that you purchase your own copy.

*In Cold Blood* - Truman Capote
*A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*, written by himself
*Autobiography of a Face* - Lucy Grealy

Have a wonderful summer - see you in the fall!