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AP Language and Composition

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***On Dumpster Diving* Presentations**

While reading Lars Eighner’s piece *On Dumpster Diving,* we are brought into a world that the majority of us do not know. Although Lars scrounges for ridden material, he still seems to feel a lucky man throughout. Since this is an AP class, we not only need to understand what the author is saying – we also need to know how he is saying this. Here is where YOU come in.

In groups of four, you will be giving a presentation on this essay. Each group will be assigned ONE of the following topics:

* **Diction** – what words stand out to you that convey a meaning? Why do you think the author chose these words? Were there details or lack of details?
* **Syntax** – How did the author arrange these words? Look for Schemes and sentence patterns chosen
* **Tone** - What is the writer’s attitude and feeling about the subject?
* **Style** – What style did the author choose? What techniques did he use to promote this sense of style?
* **Rhetorical Appeal** – How does the author apply his ethos, pathos, and logos into the story? What can the audience take from this and why should they believe him?

Aside from your topic, you will also need to give a summary on the essay and explain what you think is the the overall thesis of the piece. I will assume that most of the groups will have a differing thesis, which is NEVER bad!

You will need to research and give a brief background on your assignment as well. For example, what is style? What is tone?

All group members need to speak, and I need to see a works cited page as well. You should provide at least three examples of your topic, which can be found in the piece. Your presentations should be 15 minutes in length. Good luck!

Presentations will begin on Tuesday/Wednesday, September 27/28

PRESENTATION RUBRIC

* Did you give a background on your topic?
* Did you give the overall summary and thesis of the Eighner piece?
* Did you give examples with explanation as to why the author chose to write this way according to your topic?
* Did you provide at least three examples of your topic that was found in the essay?
* Did all members contribute?