

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2019

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To prepare you for starting AP Lang, you will be reading the introduction and the first chapter of the nonfiction book *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell.

You will take notes as you read, write a paragraph analyzing one of the arguments Gladwell makes, and write a second paragraph sharing your opinion on his argument with evidence.

All Summer Reading assignments are due on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019. Deadline: Friday, September 6th, 2019.

Malcolm Gladwell – *Outliers*

Assignments (10 points each. 30 points total in the **Homework category):**

Read the introduction of the book, [The Roseto Mystery](#), AND the first chapter of the book, [The Matthew Effect](#).

1. **First Assignment - As you read**, write quotes and notes and thoughts on the reading. **Pick either the DIEP strategy or the Cornell Note strategy.**
 - a. If you use [DIEP](#), complete one worksheet for each chapter (two total).
 - b. If you use [Cornell Notes](#), include at least 5 quotes and analyses per chapter (at least 10 total).
2. **Second Assignment - Write one paragraph** identifying and discussing one of Gladwell's claims (i.e. his argument or what he is attempting to convince the audience to believe) in ONE of the two chapters:
 - a. Begin the paragraph with a statement and explanation of Gladwell's claim in the chapter chosen.
 - b. Introduce the first rhetorical strategy or technique Gladwell uses to support this claim. [See the link here or on Google Classroom for possible rhetorical strategies and techniques.](#)
 - c. Embed and cite a quote showing this strategy or technique in action.
 - d. Explain the quote and how it demonstrates the strategy or technique.
 - e. REPEAT for a second strategy or technique, including another quote and explaining.
 - f. Analyze the effect of the overall strategy or technique on the claim Gladwell is making.
3. **Third Assignment - For the same claim you analyzed in the second assignment, write one persuasive paragraph** expressing YOUR opinion on the issue.
 - a. Clearly state your opinion on the issue. You can compare it to Gladwell's if you like: "While Malcolm Gladwell believes that..., I feel strongly that we actually..."
 - b. Introduce and discuss two pieces of evidence to support your opinion. These pieces of evidence can come from personal experience, history, current events, literature, science, psychology, and more.
 - c. Include a brief discussion of an opposing viewpoint. What might others say to disagree with you, and how would you respond to their perspective?

How will *Outliers* be used in class?

In the first semester of AP English Language & Composition, we will begin the course with a continuation of reading Gladwell's text. Our first class discussions and writing tasks will be based on the book. By starting the book prior to the start of class, you are not only getting a head start into our first assignments, but you are also demonstrating your understanding of key concepts reviewed and/or taught in the course. The summer assignment is a preview of what the course entails. Your work on the summer assignment equips your instructor to have a clear sense of your writing skills early on in the course.