

English 11A
Summer Reading Assignments
2019

Dear 11A students,

Welcome to Accelerated English! I'm already excited about studying the wonders of the written and spoken word with you. To prepare, complete the following assignments over the summer. There will be an assessment at the beginning of the year, so make certain that you have completed each of the tasks outlined below and bring everything with you to class on **Friday, September 6th**. Any student who comes unprepared will be strongly encouraged to withdraw from this class.

Happy reading,

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Assignment #1:

- ★ Read *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell. As you read, look up words and allusions you are not familiar with. Make connections and ask questions. Engage with the text in all the ways I know you have been practicing with Mrs. Elmer. Use the note-taking sheets provided to record the claim of each chapter as well as the evidence used to support the claim. Then write a summary statement for each chapter that explains how the chapter supports the overall thesis of book.
- ★ Type 1-2 paragraph responses to discussion questions 1, 6, 8, and 9. These discussion questions can be found at the back of the book. My expectation is that your responses will reflect your best writing: they should be organized, insightful, well-developed, and grammatically correct. Dazzle me with what you can do!

Assignment #2:

- ❖ Read a memoir of someone you find interesting. (It goes without saying that you should choose something you've never read before.) Remember that a memoir is not the same thing as an autobiography. The basic difference is that an autobiography covers the span of a (usually famous) person's whole life whereas a memoir tells the story of a **slice of one's life**. Ask me if you have any doubts.
- ❖ Collect and analyze evidence from the memoir that will help answer the following question: *Does the story told in this memoir support or debunk Malcolm Gladwell's thesis?* Your notes must be **handwritten**. Do **NOT** type them.

Assignment #3 (optional & highly encouraged):

- Ask someone you admire to recommend a book (s)he thinks you should read. When you finish reading, type a 2-page response that explains why (s)he probably thought the book was a good fit for you. Be sure to use details from the text to support your response.



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What is the overall thesis of Outliers? This should be pretty obvious from the beginning.

Outliers notes

Chapter 1 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Chapter 2 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Chapter 3 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Chapter 4 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Chapter 5 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Outliers notes

Chapter 6 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Outliers notes

Chapter 7 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Outliers notes

Chapter 8 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Outliers notes

Chapter 9 * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?

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Epilogue * You should have at least 4 pieces of evidence/analysis per chapter.

Central claim:

Evidence that supports the claim:

Analysis of the evidence: How does it support the claim?

How does this chapter support the overall thesis of the book?