

AP English Language and Composition (Grade 11)
Summer Assignment 2016-17
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Part One: *Outliers*

1. Read the book, *Outliers*, by Malcolm Gladwell.
2. In a composition book, take organized notes on each chapter. Be sure to include information about the main idea of the chapter, as well as specific details about how Gladwell supports these assertions.
3. At the end of your notes, write a one-two page review evaluating the quality and usefulness of the book.
4. Clearly label each chapter and the review.
5. Be prepared for another assessment when school begins in August.

Part Two: Nonfiction Choice

1. Select a book from the list below and **ask someone to read it with you**. Discuss the book with this individual. Write a brief, but detailed, essay about what you each gained by discussing the book together.
2. In the same composition book as the Gladwell assignment, take organized notes on each chapter. Be sure to include information about the main idea of the chapter, as well as specific details about how the author supports these assertions.
3. At the end of your notes, write a one-two page essay identifying the overall **tone** of the book and **how the author conveyed this tone**. Here is a great resource for a rhetorical analysis: <http://cstudies.ubc.ca/writers-workshop/writers-toolbox/rhetorical-analysis/critical-writing.html>
4. Clearly label each chapter and the analysis.

Nonfiction Choices

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything (Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner)

Guns, Germs, and Steele: The Fate of Human Societies (Jared Diamond)

The Science of Liberty (Timothy Ferris)—Suggested for AP World History

The Artist's Way (Julie Cameron)—Suggested for AP Art courses

The Last Child in the Woods (Richard Louv)—Suggested for AP Biology

The Disappearing Spoon (Sam Kean)—Required for AP Chemistry

Part Three: Thoreau

1. Obtain a copy of "Civil Disobedience" by Henry David Thoreau.
2. Annotate the text. See the following resource for annotations:
http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/197454.html
3. Be prepared for another assessment when school begins in August.

Additional Guidelines

- Place all work in a large envelope.
- Your work is due on the first Friday of the 2016-17 school year.

- *The summer reading assignment is worth 25% of your first quarter grade.*
- *Purchase a copy of *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White. Bring it with you on the first day of school.*

Be sure to read fiction on your own this summer! While AP English II is a rhetoric course, you must continue to read for leisure and intellectual merit.