

English II Pre-AP: Summer Assignment

READING

Outliers by Malcom Gladwell

Note: Mr. Weise has copies of the book that you can borrow over the summer, or you can check the book out from the library or acquire it on your own.

WRITING

This essay is a diagnostic, which means that its purpose is for Mr. Weise to get a sense of where your writing skills are starting out (so that he can support you in reaching the advanced expectations of this course). This means you SHOULD do your best but should NOT solicit any outside help on these assignments—they will only be graded for completion.

Prompt: Write an explanatory OR persuasive essay in response to the question: **“What does it take to be successful?”**

Your essay should draw on Malcolm Gladwell’s book Outliers, but it should also include your own opinion. Your response should synthesize at least two of the ideas from Gladwell, and should not just be a recap of one of the chapters.

Requirements:

- MLA format (no title page required): Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced
- 300-500 words
- Written according to the conventions of Standard American English
- **Email essays to Mr. Weise (weisefi@scsk12.org) by July 31 @ 11:59 PM.**