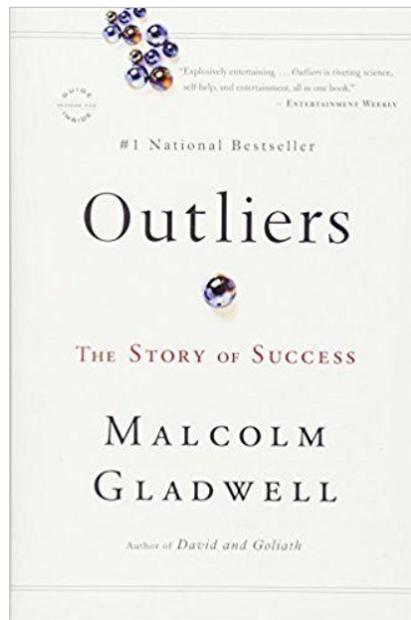




HARLAN HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH II PRE-AP SUMMER READING



Incoming 2018-2019 Pre-AP sophomores are required to read Malcolm Gladwell's nonfiction book *Outliers* by the first week of school.

In this stunning new book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers"--the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?

His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like, and too little attention to where they are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Along the way, he explains the secrets of software billionaires, what it takes to be a great soccer player, why Asians are good at math, and what made the Beatles the greatest rock band.

Please be sure to join the English 2 PreAP Summer Reading Google Classroom for support and engaging conversations **Code: pcqg6n**

English II Pre-AP Expectations

English II Pre-AP is a fast-paced, multi-faceted course that will require academic commitment and a willingness to put forth your personal best. In this course, you will learn the skills necessary to prepare you for your junior and senior years AP English or AP Dual where you can earn college credit in high school. We will be focusing on key skills you will need in writing and in literature AP tests. It will be vitally important for your success that we work together to continue to develop your skills in:

- Time management
- Organizational skills
- study skills
- close reading skills
- timed writing
- self-discipline
- a strong work ethic
- mindset focus on learning – not just earning a grade

We will be reading several books this year that you will be responsible for. There will be no reading of these novels in class but you will have to read them outside of class at a pace determined by your teacher.

The pace of the work in the class will be consistent. There may be times when we are working doing two different things in this class. You may be reading a novel outside of class and working on a major essay during class. We do realize that many of our Pre-AP/AP track students are involved in sports and other school activities. The workload will be appropriate for those responsibilities.

Pre-AP Expectations

- Maintain good attendance and be on time
- Communicate your needs/questions to your teacher
- Complete your work on time
- Abide by classroom rules of good behavior and academic honesty
- Demonstrate a willingness to cooperate with others in cooperative learning
- Always strive to improve your academic performance and bring your best effort to class.
- Read books that are assigned outside of class
- Bring your analysis skills to a variety of reading materials.

If you have any questions or concerns about the coursework please feel free to contact the English Department Coordinator, Brenda Cornell at Brenda.cornell@nisd.net.