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AP Seminar Summer Reading Assignment

Texts:

Outliers, Malcolm Gladwell

Part 1: Due Monday, September 9, 2019

- Read *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell
- Select **twenty** examples of interesting diction from the text. For each word:
 - a. Write the sentence, complete with page number citation.
 - b. Define the word. Some words have multiple definitions. Be sure to write down the definition that applies to the sentence that you have selected.
 - c. Use this word in your own sentence.
- Write an **argumentative essay** (5-paragraph structure with introduction, body and conclusion; 12 pt, Times New Roman, double spaced). Your essay will be used to assess your writing and ability to synthesize reading material.
 - a. Write an essay that defends or challenges or qualifies Gladwell's assertion that "if you work hard enough and assert yourself, and use your mind and imagination, you can shape the world to your desires" (Gladwell 151).
 - i. Present your ideas clearly and with organization following MLA format. (See purdueowl.com for MLA guidelines)
 - ii. Use facts, real world examples, personal experience, and connections from your reading to support your claim (do you or don't you agree with Gladwell's assertion?). Think deeply about your readings and apply them to a bigger and idea.
 - iii. Be sure to make specific connections to Gladwell and any other sources you may include in your argument.

Part 2: Due Monday, September 9, 2019

- Choose a socially-relevant topic that is in the news. (Entertainment "news"—gossip— is not socially relevant!) Some relevant examples are: climate change, the upcoming presidential election, alleged racism in police departments, standardized testing in schools, gender inequality, etc.
- Find three articles from three different sources. Print and read the articles. **Keep hard copies of these articles, please!**
- For each article, fill in the chart on the following page. Include textual evidence to support your responses. (You must complete one chart per article).

Questions or concerns? Contact Mr. Felder at jafeld@flhs.us!

Name: _____

Article Title: _____ Publication: _____

Author: _____ Date of publication: _____

Author's main idea/argument:		Is the author credible? Why or why not?	
Is the article convincing? Why or why not?		Why did you choose this specific article?	
Describe something you learned about the topic that you didn't know before.		How is this article different from or similar to other coverage of this topic?	