

## 2019 AP Language and Composition Summer Reading

May 10, 2019

Dear AP Student,

I am delighted to welcome you to AP Language and Composition. I am looking forward to working with you to help you discover your talent as writers and critical thinkers. The course will focus on the central theme of how language impacts our lives, and how we can control it effectively. Given the rigorous nature of the course and the AP English Language and Composition exam, we will need to begin preparing, reading, and writing over the summer. The work you do over the summer will be tied to major assessments which will impact your first quarter grades. In addition to impacting assessments and grades, the skills gained through these assignments will form the basis of much of our class discussions and activities throughout the school year, so it is crucial that all tasks are completed.

According to the college board's course description, AP Language and Composition "engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes". The greatest challenge in this course begins with the journey of discovering your own style of writing to fit every writing occasion. This journey begins this summer.

You will be tasked with reading two novels. You will read the non-fiction work by Malcolm Gladwell entitled *Outliers: The Story of Success* AND the non-fiction novel *Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results* by James Clear. Both works are available for free through our Google Classroom Website (code below) and for purchase at local bookstores. You will also be required to create a student account on google classroom. The class code is

**cwztuz9** This website will have the assignment links you will need to complete the assignments for summer reading. If you should have any issues with access Ms. Shreiner will be available in room A-150 and Mr. Smith in A-155 in June to assist you.

### **Part I: READ**

*Outliers:*

<http://cs.ecust.edu.cn/snwei/studypc/jsjdl/data/OutliersTheStoryOfSuccess.pdf>

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*Atomic Habits:*

*(see link on google classroom)*

\*You will take a reading check exam when we start the school year. You only need to read these books. Taking notes is optional, but recommended.

**Part IV: Study Cards for Ultimate Guide to Rhetorical Terms**

Knowing these terms will be crucial for your success in AP Language as these are the tools of our trade. The good news is that many of these terms have been introduced to you in your honors classes. You will find some new terms. Please make study cards and study them for the test you will have on them the first week of school. (Terms list is on the Google classroom website)

While the tasks included may seem daunting at first you will find that if you pace yourself you can easily complete all of the assignments without issue and still manage to enjoy your summer break.

If you have any questions about the summer reading we have established a Google Classroom account in which you can easily ask questions. The links to all texts, supplemental materials, and templates will be available through this website. If you do not have access to a computer please make arrangements with Ms. Shreiner or Mr. Smith during the summer so you can use our computers on campus. Ms. Shreiner or Mr. Smith will gladly answer your inquiries through the website or emails. the join code is **cwztuz9** \_\_\_\_\_

I look forward to working with you when the school year starts. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

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