

AP Summer Reading for Butler High School

11th Grade

All 11th-grade AP English students are required to read and complete an assignment on:

- Blink – Malcolm Gladwell
AND
- On Writing Well, 30th Anniversary Edition: An Informal Guide to Writing Nonfiction by William Zinsser

(Note: Make sure to read the book on writing NONFICTION.)

Students will **find the assignment for the written work on the Butler website and in the front office.**

12th Grade

All 12th-grade AP English students are required to read and complete an assignment on:

- How to Read Literature Like a Professor – Thomas C. Foster

(Note: Make sure to read Foster's book on LITERATURE.)

12th grade AP Students are **also required** to read Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew and one other novel from the following list:

- The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde
- Catcher in the Rye – J. D. Salinger
- The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
- Mystic River – Dennis Lehane
- Lord of the Flies – William Golding

Students will **find the assignment for the written work on the Butler website and in the front office.**

Important notes:

- There is a **written assignment** due during the first week of class for both 11th and 12th grade students.
- Written assignments must be done **BY HAND** in blue or black ink, written neatly. Teachers will discuss why assignments must be handwritten during the first day of class.
- Students will find the assignment for the written work on the school website or in the main office.
- Plagiarism WARNING: The websites that you have access to are the same websites your teachers have access to. Do the reading. Do your own thinking. Do your own work.
- While it is perfectly acceptable for students to discuss the reading and work together, it is absolutely not acceptable for students to "share" or copy written work. Work that is found to be anything other than the student's own thoughts and writing (in part or whole) will receive a zero.