

10th grade regular, honors, and gifted – REQUIRED for ALL students

Greetings 10th graders: You will be doing the following assignments for the books you read. You must **read a total of two (2) books**. This means there will be two full assignments. These assignments are due the first week of school. There are no exceptions.

- **Required for EVERYONE – *Outliers* – Malcolm Gladwell**

<p>Read - <i>Outliers</i> – Malcolm Gladwell</p>	<p>Project that demonstrates your understanding of the book. The project must contain the following as components.</p>
<p>You can create this in a Word document or create a book jacket, like a brochure.</p>	<p>1. A personal definition of success based on the book. Select at least 5 quotes from the book where Gladwell speaks about success. Explain each quote and WHY each quote appeals to your sense of what success embodies. Highlight the words in the quote that are the most influential in your understanding of success.</p> <p>2. Review Gladwell Write a review of the book. Use the questions below to write a review for the book. Your audience is your 10th grade teacher and the students who will be in your class. Was it easy to follow? What age group would be best served in reading this book? In other words, who could benefit from reading this book? What are the best pieces of advice from the book?</p> <p>3. Research Success Choose one person that you believe fits Gladwell’s description of an “outlier” but was not mentioned in the book. What did that person do to become successful? What steps or recommendations from the book applied to his/her success? Should this person be considered a role model? Why or why not?</p>

- **YOUR CHOICE OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - *Tuesdays with Morrie* – Mitch Albom
 - *The Fault in Our Stars* – John Green

<p>Theme -</p>	<p>Application of theme – Answer the following for the book you chose.</p>
<p>Major and minor themes are two types of themes that appear in literary works. A major theme is an idea that a writer repeats in his work, making it the most significant idea in a literary work. A minor theme, on the other hand, refers to an idea that appears in a work briefly and gives way to another minor theme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning theme is a big deal in English classes. One of the easiest ways to think about it is the message or meaning the author is trying to send. From the novel you chose, what do you believe the author’s message or theme is from the novel? Choose 5 difference scenes in the novel to support your answer. You must write out the line and fully explain. • Chose a theme song for the movie and explain why it is the perfect song for that movie.