

AP English Language & Composition Summer Assignment

This course primarily focuses on analyzing the arguments of others and developing your own. This summer assignment is meant to help you build background knowledge and to begin to focus on the techniques both authors and filmmakers use when developing their arguments.

Part I: Join Google Classroom

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Part II: Analyzing Non-Fiction

Read Malcolm Gladwell's book *Outliers: The Story of Success*. In this piece, Gladwell examines "outliers," or the most successful specialists in their respective fields, and focuses on what makes these high-achievers so successful. Each chapter focuses on a different location or individual. While reading, please take notes on each chapter. These notes will prove very valuable before your assessment on *Outliers*. For each chapter, make a note on **(1)** Gladwell's main argument and **(2)** the supportive evidence or examples he uses to prove that argument. Use the following graphic organizer formatting for your notes:

Chapter:	Main Argument:	Evidence:
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Part III: Analyzing Documentary Film

Watch one of the following documentaries; while watching, take notes on the main arguments of the film (Minimum of 3). Hint: what points does this filmmaker wish to get across? Also take notes on the rhetorical strategies the filmmaker uses to persuade. Possible strategies include call to action, contrasting images/juxtaposition, ethical appeal (who is interviewed and why?), emotional appeal (when do you feel empathetic, angry, shocked?), logical appeal (what facts, stats, rational information is included?). For each rhetorical strategy, **(1)** explain what the rhetorical strategy is and **(2)** how the author uses the rhetorical strategy. Use the following graphic organizer formatting for your notes:

Argument:	Rhetorical Strategy:	How the strategy is used:
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Documentary Choices by Streaming Service:

Netflix on Youtube: If you do not have a streaming service, Netflix has partnered with Youtube and posted the following full length documentaries on their site: Minimalism, Chasing Coral and Racing Extinction.

Disney Plus: Free Solo, Paris to Pittsburg, The Rescue, and Before the Flood **Netflix:** The Alpinist, Return to Space, Downfall: the Case Against Boeing, American Factory, Forks Over Knives, Seaspiracy, A Plastic Ocean, Unstoppable, Inequality for All, MH370: The Plane that Disappeared, Einstein and the Bomb and What the Health

Amazon Prime: Flight/Risk, Good Night Oppy, RBG, American Tragedy, Borrowed Future, The Blue Angels, and Reggie

On the first day of school, I will have you turn your assignment into google classroom. During the first week of school, expect an assessment on Outliers, as well as an in-class writing assignment based on the documentary. You must hand in original, independent work in order to receive credit. Plagiarism and cheating will result in a zero! No use of any A.I. for any reason.