Rising 12th Grade Summer Reading
CP English students are required to complete the following:

Summer College & Career Curiosity Project
This project is designed to help you explore possible **college majors, careers, and future paths** that interest you. Instead of guessing what you might want to do after high school, you'll investigate real options and reflect on what fits you.

Your Task: Choose a career field, job, or area of study you're curious about and explore it over the summer. You are not committing to this path—just exploring it.

Step 1: Choose a Focus
Pick one of the following:

- A specific career (ex: sports marketing, nursing, engineering, criminal law)
- A general field (ex: business, healthcare, education, technology)
- A major you might consider in college

Step 2: Research & Explore
Use **at least 3 sources**, including:

- At least **1 written source** (article, website, or college program page)
- At least **1 multimedia source** (video, podcast, documentary, interview)
- The third source can be either **written or multimedia**

Record your answers to these questions in a Thinking Log:

- What does this career actually look like day-to-day?
- What education or training is required?
- What skills or personality traits are important?
- Salary range and job outlook
- Pros and cons of this path

Step 3: Real-World Connection
Complete **at least ONE** of the following:

- Interview someone in the field (in person, email, or virtual)
- Watch a "day in the life" video and reflect
- Research a specific college program related to this field
- Find a real job posting and analyze its requirements

Include your findings in this section in your Thinking Log.

Step 4: Create Your Final Product (this will be completed during the first full week of school)

In addition to the Summer Curiosity Project, Senior CP students are required to do the following:
-Read *Life's Golden Ticket* by Brendon Burchard. Students will complete the journal assignment (outlined below) as they read. Students should be prepared for a writing assignment over this book during the first full week of school.

Journal assignment: Complete **8 entries total** throughout the book (not all at once).
Each entry should be about **1–2 paragraphs** and include:

1. Key Idea
- Summarize one important idea, quote, or lesson from the reading

2. Personal Reflection
- What does this idea make you think about in your own life?
- Do you agree or disagree? Why?

3. Application
- How could this idea apply to your future (school, relationships, career, mindset)?

Guided Focus Areas (Choose across these)
Students should try to cover a variety of these themes:
- Taking responsibility for your life
- Letting go of the past
- Personal values and priorities
- Fear and risk-taking
- Relationships and forgiveness
- Defining success
- Creating a meaningful future