



2026 Summer Reading for Students Entering Tenth Grade English (AP Seminar & Non-AP)

You are required to read TWO books this summer: one is a novel and the other is non-fiction. There is no required written assignment to complete. We will, however, be using these books as our jumping-off point for discussion and writing activities during the first quarter of 10th grade, so **be sure to complete BOTH required books before August 10.**

Required Texts:

Animal Farm by George Orwell
AND
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

It is essential that you remember and are able to discuss and respond to these books, so please do something to help you process deeply what you are reading. It is helpful to have something written down as a reminder of what you have read and thought about as you read. I suggest using at least one of the following strategies:

- Make annotations about what a character is like at the beginning of the book, key events that cause the character to develop or change, and important changes you see in the character. Note questions or challenges the character raises for you as a reader—what does their journey make you think about?
- Keep an informal journal of your thoughts as you read, writing down page numbers where key events/quotes appear and your questions/responses to those things.
- Identify the central argument of the book and note the key claims that support it.

A Few More Titles You May Enjoy Reading During the Summer!

Some of you love to read. Below you will find a list of a few books worth reading, many of which have been previously enjoyed by rising 10th graders. These are book recommendations, NOT required readings.

- *The Anthropocene Reviewed* (non-fiction) by John Green
- *The Boys in the Boat* (non-fiction) by Daniel James Brown
- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Complete Maus* (graphic novel) by Art Spiegelman
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
- *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline
- *Night* (memoir) by Elie Wiesel
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon