

Southern Lehigh High School English Department

2022 Summer Reading

HONORS ENGLISH 12 – British Literature

The 12th grade English course provides a study of British literature with a focus on diversity..
The following list of works includes a range of nonfiction and fiction texts.

REQUIRED TEXT and ASSIGNMENT:

Outliers is available in electronic book form on Sora (formerly Overdrive). <https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/200690>
Link to online text will also be posted in Google Classroom (see below).

- [Outliers](#) by Malcolm Gladwell*

As you read **Outliers**, you will maintain a double-entry metacognitive response journal, to be updated throughout the text, with a minimum of one entry per chapter (including the introduction and the epilogue) PLUS a final reflection upon the completion of the text. Your journal should not summarize the text, but show your thinking and your reactions to the reading. **See Google Classroom for more detailed information about this assignment.**

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT

- [College Essays, College Application](#) by College Board

Complete the first draft of your college application essay, using the tips and strategies provided on **CollegeBoard's Big Future: Essay** site. Use what you learn to write a complete 300-650 word first draft of a college application essay in response to any prompt on the Common Application, or the college of your choice.

The college application essay is one of the first assignments of the year, and there will be a lesson on the college essay in class. Only students who complete the first draft during the summer and submit it via Google Classroom no later than one week before the first day of school will receive detailed feedback on their writing before completing the graded assignment for the first quarter grade. This will be helpful to those who planned to write their essays over the summer and apply early to college.

Note: please email me and allow several days' response time if you would like feedback during the summer to help you with this process.

IMPORTANT:

1. Please join the [Honors English 12 Google Classroom for Summer Assignments](#) using the code **ogflfaa**. The Google Classroom environment contains detailed instructions, helpful links, and places to submit your assignments as you complete them. I may also use this Google Classroom environment to post announcements and communicate with students as needed.
2. Assignments should be completed in Spartandocs (not Word or Pages) and submitted via Google Classroom on or before the first day of class. Students are encouraged to pace themselves and approach this work thoughtfully, not wait until the last minute!
3. Please email Mrs. Spritzer at spritzerm@slsd.org with any questions.

The English department has carefully considered reading level, content, and age-appropriateness of each title to ensure a variety of selections appealing to the diversity in ability, maturity, and family dynamics of our students, as well as themes and motifs that are related to each course. Parents/guardians are encouraged to guide their own students through this process and/or review books prior to selection. Titles are hyperlinked to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for your convenience. While books may be purchased through Amazon or Barnes & Noble, many titles will be available in the school and public libraries and on Sora (formerly Overdrive).