

LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
AP Language Summer Assignment 2020
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50 points

Objectives

- To read a nonfiction text independently and appreciate its value
- To practice writing and rhetorical analysis skills independently
- To enter the year able to discuss/write about the big themes of the text
- To prepare for the "Free-Response Question" on the essay portion of the AP English Language and Composition Exam

Assignment Overview

Students enrolled in AP English Language and Composition for the 2020-2021 school year will read a nonfiction book during the summer: *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell (ISBN: 978-0-316-01066-5). To prepare for the "Free-Response Question" on the AP English Language and Composition Exam, students will complete a Major Work Data Sheet (instructions may be found [here](#)) for the book. During the first two weeks of school, students are expected to participate in class discussions and to write an in-class essay about the book.

Due Date for Major Work Data Sheet: Wednesday, August 19, the first day of school. Save your data sheet to your Google Drive. Bring your Chromebook to class on the first day of school because you will upload your data sheet to Schoology during class.

Schoology Access Code: GK4R-ZBRJ-ZT56H

Once you have received a copy of the summer assignment, go to Schoology and use the access code above to enroll in the course. The summer assignment and supporting documents will be housed on Schoology over the summer.

Annotation Guide: Annotation is strongly recommended but will not be graded directly; however, annotation is considered an integral part of a successful, meaningful reading process. Annotate naturally as you read by documenting questions, reactions, observations, and discoveries that help you to clarify your ideas and gain a better understanding of the text (you should have at least 2-3 of each per chapter). These annotations will be essential as you prepare to discuss and write about the book later. They will also assist you in preparation for graded discussions and an objective for an in-class timed writing assignment about the book at the beginning of the school year.