

AP Language and Composition *Outliers* Summer Reading Assessment

Outliers: A Success Story helps us to understand “people whose achievements fall outside normal experience,” and with the upcoming year being such an integral year of discovery of who you are as a student and person, it is important to make “the most of [your] potential” and show it to the world. To that end, you will create a personal statement, that you will apply to your understanding of success (using details from the book, but also your own definition) and begin to analyze and examine how it can be applied to your future successes.

If you have never written a personal statement before, this is something you will become familiar with for many college and job applications. This is also a document that you can use towards those other things as you can adapt it as you continue to grow as a student/person.

Consider the following:

- this is my first glimpse of who you are as a person and a student and what you want out of this class.
- Consider what you have read in *Outliers* and how the “surroundings of the successful-their culture, their family, their generation, and their idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing” made them stand out from the crowd. How do your surroundings reflect the person you are?
- Consider what you will use to determine your own success in life, both immediately, this year, after high school, and beyond.

Requirements:

- 12 pt Times New Roman font
- Double-spaced
- 1-2 full pages
- may use “I”
- should be written in the present tense
- Due the first day of class**

If you have questions, feel free to email Mrs. Samantha Desch, sdesch@devonprep.com

Name: _____

AP Language and Composition Choice Memoir summer reading assignment

Directions: After reading your chosen memoir (*The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, *Born a Crime*, or *Hillbilly Elegy*), you will create a written reflection response using the prompt and requirements below. **This is due the first day of school.**

Prompt: Why does your memoir matter? Why is it important enough to tell? What do you think the author wanted the reader to take away from his/her story?

Requirements:

- typed
- MLA format
- 2-4 pages answering the prompt above
- at least one-paragraph should include a summary of who this person is and the story that he told
- specific details from the text should be utilized in order to 'prove' your claim (this can be in the form of quotes or very specific instances)
- Proofread

For questions, email Samantha Desch, AP Language teacher, at sdesch@devonprep.com