

Directions: For your summer reading, choose **one of the six books listed** to read and use for this assignment. The list is on the bottom of this page. Then answer **ONLY ONE of the 6 questions below** and respond in a **Two-Pager**: one page is approximately 500 words (single spaced) or 250 words (double spaced). **Word process** your answer. Address your question (ANSWER THE QUESTION!) by developing a **thesis** and by **supporting that thesis**.

1. You may only fill **two pages**.
2. **Double space** your answer. **Upload to Canvas----remember that I submit all papers to Turnitin.com.**
3. Your font should be **no smaller than 10 point**. (11 or 12 preferred.)
4. Use **SPECIFIC textual** examples from your chosen book to back up your assertions
5. Be creative; brainstorm ideas before you write.

Questions (CHOOSE ONLY ONE):

1. From *Outliers*, choose a section that appeals to you. Write about how Gladwell uses this section to support his thesis that one person's success is a unique combination of complex factors.
2. Do the same for ONE of the other five summer readings. **Choose one section from *Freakonomics*, *Steve Jobs*, *Nickel and Dimed* or *Complications*** and demonstrate how the author uses that particular story to support the general thesis of the book: of course, you have to first determine what the general thesis of the book is!
3. **Write your own expose based on *Nickel and Dimed* and your experiences working at a local store. What did you learn that was not general knowledge about the company? Make sure to include a thesis about your discoveries.**
4. Consider Wills' *Lincoln at Gettysburg*. Write a paper about why this speech endures, according to Wills, and how and why it came to be considered among the most important of American documents.
5. Again, using *Lincoln at Gettysburg*, write a paper in which you discuss the changing meaning of the word "dedicate" throughout the speech.
6. **Write your own 275-word speech in which you address your fellow juniors regarding a topic of importance for the upcoming school year. It must be 275 words or fewer! Craft it carefully. Pay attention to every word.**

This paper must be uploaded to Canvas by Tuesday 9/ 7/2021 at midnight. A one-grade-per-day late deduction applies unless we speak first. Two paggers are graded using the APE College Board rubric.

