

## 111 Honors American Literature 2024 Summer Reading

### Texts and Assignments:

- Read *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* (Foster). You will be expected to synthesize Foster's ideas and use them to analyze literature throughout the semester. Students will be tested on Foster during the first week of the semester.
- Read one of the following books: *Range* (Epstein), *David and Goliath* (Gladwell), *Grit* (Duckworth), or *Quiet* (Cain). As you read, pay attention to how the author develops the primary argument of the text. Students will take a quiz on their chosen book in August.
- Complete the writing assignment below. It is due on the first day of school and will be scanned for AI and plagiarism detection through TurnItIn.

### Writing Assignment:

Write a 1-1½ page letter (typed, double-spaced, 12-point TNR font) to incoming freshmen offering advice about how to be more successful at Walton. Base your advice off 2-3 key arguments presented in your book of choice. Using proper MLA citations, embed at least three relevant quotes and two personal anecdotes related to the author's arguments into your letter.

**You are expected to bring the two texts, the typed writing assignment, and rubric to class on the first day of school.**

# 111 Honors American Literature 2024 Summer Reading Written Assignment Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>½ Essay Grade (100 points)</b>		<b>Points Earned</b>
<b>Content</b> (60 points)	-Details, quotes, and evidence come together to develop a clear understanding of the author’s line of reasoning -Letter uses a minimum of 3 quotes and 2 anecdotes to create a coherent letter -Letter includes advice for incoming freshmen pertinent to the text.	
<b>Clarity/Conventions/Format</b> (30 points)	-Letter is clearly written with few minor mistakes that do not interfere with reader’s understanding. -Letter is in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, MLA formatted (heading, header, etc.).	.
<b>Organization</b> (10 points)	-Letter begins with a something to engage the reader -Letter has a greeting, body paragraphs, and a closing -Style and tone are appropriate for a formal letter	

Total: \_\_\_\_\_/100 points

**Summer reading assignments must be completed individually and without the use of AI, online sources, or other study aides. Students who commit an infraction of the Honor Code will receive a grade of zero on the assignment, an N in conduct for this semester in 111 Honors American Literature, and an administrative referral.**