

**111 LA (11<sup>th</sup> grade Honors for students who took AP Language in 10<sup>th</sup> grade) American Literature 2024 Summer Reading**

**Texts and Assignments:**

- Read and annotate *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 (MLA heading and header, typed, double-spaced, 12-point TNR font) to incoming freshmen offering advice about how to be more successful at Walton. Base your advice off 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. This will count as ½ major essay grade.

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

## 111 LA 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 LA American Literature, and an administrative referral.**