

## AP English Language and American Literature Summer Assignment for Fall 2024

1. Read *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, by Frederick Douglass
  - a. As you read, identify the arguments that Douglass makes about the institution of slavery for each chapter. Underline/highlight key ideas that contribute to your understanding of these arguments.
  - b. You will be assessed on your understanding of the book the first week of school (test).
2. 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. There will be a reading quiz over the book during the first week of school.
3. Your writing assignment is based on the prompt 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 1-2 page letter (typed, double-spaced, 12-point TNR font) to outgoing seniors offering advice about how to be more successful in college. 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 assigned books, the typed writing assignment (digital copy ready to submit to TII), and rubric to class on the first day of school.**

## 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 graduating seniors (incoming college freshmen) that is 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/Style</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 AP English Language and American Literature, and an administrative referral.**