

Center for Communications
Summer Reading List for Mrs. St. James
2015-2016

Eleventh Grade Required Books

- ◆ *Everything's an Argument* Andrea Lunsford
- ◆ *One Writer's Beginnings* Eudora Welty
- ◆ *Outliers* Malcolm Gladwell

To prepare you for AP English Language and Composition, you will have some reading to do over the summer. During the first three weeks of school, we will use these readings in our discussions of the basics of rhetoric. The books for 2015-2016 school year are the following:

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Reader's Journal: Over the summer, you will complete a reader's journal for *One Writer's Beginning* and *Outliers*. In your journal, you will write a separate entry for each chapter of each work. In each entry, you should do all of the following tasks:

- ◆ Thoroughly analyze and discuss the writer's *purpose* for that chapter (at least one paragraph)
- ◆ Discuss *how* the writer accomplishes his or her purpose in that chapter through structure, word choice, details, figurative language, and other writing strategies (at least two paragraphs)

Your entries should NOT include plot summary or personal response.

The reader's journal will be collected on Monday, September 14. I will deduct 20 points for each day it is late.

Outlines: For *Everything's an Argument*, you will read and thoroughly outline chapters one through four. Outlines should be formal and should be in your own words. You may be tempted to just copy sentences from the book into an outline form, but you must put the information into your own words.

The outlines will be collected on Monday, September 14. I will deduct 20 points for each day they are late. Students are expected to complete this assignment independently without use of external sources including friends, reference books, and Internet sources.

Have a great summer! I look forward to working with you in the fall.