

# Sophomore Honors Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to the honors course for sophomore English at Coronado. I am Mr. Stoughton and I will be your teacher next year. You have a long way to go between your freshman class and the college level AP courses you will take during your junior and senior years so we have very little time to waste. As such, I expect that you will be actively reading over the summer; strong students and deep thinkers never stop reading. Along with all of the other books you read over the break, I will ask you to read one non-fiction piece. By now, I should not have to collect journals or check annotations; they should be a given and you should be doing them automatically.

**Title:** *The Tipping Point*, by Malcolm Gladwell

**Requirements:** Read, reread, ponder, jot notes, and **know** this book. An assessment—in the form of an objective test and a paper—will occur within the first week of school; it consists of a thorough examination of your skills as an analytical reader and a full list of chapters, ideas, key people and their traits. Therefore, it is imperative that you know the difference between reading a book for pleasure and analyzing a work of literature in a scholarly manner so that you can write effectively on it, using specific and precise evidence.

I suggest you purchase your own copies of this book. It is available in the Coronado High School media center—on a limited basis—and may be checked out before you leave for summer break-but you may not annotate inside the school's copies!

Along with the test from the first week of school, you will be expected to participate in class discussions and contribute effectively to the class' knowledge pool.

Have a fun summer and don't forget to read!

Thanks,

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