

SRDS Summer Reading Assignment
AP English Language & Composition 2019-2020

In preparation for the school year, you will read and annotate the books below; the synopses are provided by Barnes and Noble. Be sure to buy the correct ISBN # book for the correct pagination.

***The Crucible* - Arthur Miller - ISBN#: 9780142437339**

In the rigid theocracy of Salem, rumors that women are practicing witchcraft galvanize the town's most basic fears and suspicions; and when a young girl accuses Elizabeth Proctor of being a witch, self-righteous church leaders and townspeople insist that Elizabeth be brought to trial. The ruthlessness of the prosecutors and the eagerness of neighbor to testify against neighbor brilliantly illuminate the destructive power of socially sanctioned violence.

***The Tipping Point* - Malcolm Gladwell - ISBN#: 9780316346627**

The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Just as a single sick person can start an epidemic of the flu, so too can a small but precisely targeted push cause a fashion trend, the popularity of a new product, or a drop in the crime rate. This widely acclaimed bestseller, in which Malcolm Gladwell explores and brilliantly illuminates the tipping point phenomenon, is already changing the way people throughout the world think about selling products and disseminating ideas.

Assignment

Before the first day of AP Pre-season in August, you need to read and annotate the two books in their entirety. During pre-season classes, you will receive further instruction as to what to do with your reading before the first full day of school in September.

Annotation may be written in your book, on post-it notes, or in a separate notebook. Electronic annotations will not be accepted.

If you have any questions, please contact me over the summer at mmcdonough@saddleriverday.org

Happy reading and see you in August!
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