Summer Reading Requirements
10th-Grade English
2016

Tenth-grade students are expected to read three (3) books this summer.

**Required Books:**

- *A Gathering of Old Men* by Ernest Gaines
- *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell

Read both books carefully, paying close attention in the Gaines novel to language, imagery, and theme and in the Gladwell book to argument, evidence, and voice. Take notes that will help you remember important elements, perhaps using sticky notes to mark important passages or questions you might have about the reading.

**One School, Many Books:** For the third book, students must read one (1) of the books on the list compiled for faculty and students. Please read carefully the explanation at the top of the list. You will be asked to choose a book using the online form early in the summer. You will take part in a discussion group that includes faculty members and other students in early September. The list is varied, and we hope that you will find something that appeals to you and will enjoy discussing the book with other readers.

There is no journal requirement for these books, but you will be tested on each of them on during the first week of school. **Taking margin notes will help you to read actively and retain what you read.**

Please do not cheat yourself or your classmates by resorting to *Cliffs Notes, Spark Notes,* or other “study guides.” These deprive you of the chance to respond to the literature independently and are never an adequate substitute for the book itself. Furthermore, using them is a violation of the pledge.

**Have a great summer, and enjoy the reading!**