



Roslyn English Department
AP Language and Composition
Required Summer Reading Assignment 2023

AP Nonfiction Analysis

Please read closely the following nonfiction piece:

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants, by Malcolm Gladwell

Assignment: In AP Language and Composition, we believe all texts have an argument. In some texts it can be overt, but in others it may be subtler. The non-fiction text you will be reading this summer conveys an argument. As AP Lang students, we will be tasked with dissecting authors' arguments throughout the year and developing the tools through which we can best discuss these arguments. This assignment is the first step in that process. As you read, consider what the author's main argument or point might be. Annotate/take notes for how the author builds that argument. Pay close attention to the evidence used, impactful language, and any other tools you notice.

**We will begin discussing the non-fiction selection immediately in September.
