

**Public Schools of Edison Township
AP Language and Composition
Study Guide for Summer Reading 2019**

Dear Student:

You are expected to read the following texts: *Freakonomics*, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, and *The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell.

As you read, keep a journal or reading log in which you record your observations, reactions, and questions. Think about how and where you are able to access the text, engage the text, and depart from the text. **DO NOT MAKE YOUR READING LOG A SUMMARY OF THE TEXT.**

The reading log is an opportunity for you to “nail down” your ideas about the book while you are reading, but it should not be extensive. A suggested way of handling this is to write down your reactions and thoughts each time you put the book down.

You are encouraged to take risks and be honest with your reactions. Write about what you like or dislike, what seems confusing or unusual to you. When you think you have an idea about what something means, be sure to reveal your thoughts in your log. Look for examples of writing that you particularly like or dislike and write about them. Relate your personal experiences that connect to the authors’ arguments and demonstrations.

Do not rely on the internet for your ideas. Record your own personal observations and ideas. Think for yourself.

Your reading logs will be used in our class work and discussions in September. All summer reading work should be completed before our first class meeting. Be prepared to be tested on the material at that time.

Enjoy the summer. I look forward to meeting you and discussing these books with you.