

School of the Arts
Advanced Placement English Language and Composition
2022 Summer Reading Selections

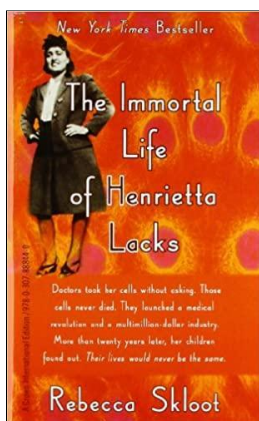
Instructions:

Read and annotate both works. Annotations should reveal close reading.

Evaluation:

- 1) Annotations will be graded. See rubric and elements list on next pages. Click here to watch an instructional video <https://youtu.be/qPQ7wXWgRCA>
- 2) Students will participate in a graded discussion on the works.

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***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot**

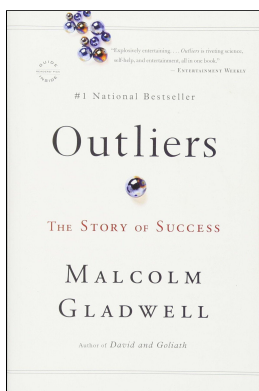
Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine: The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, which are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb’s effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions.

Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave.

Henrietta’s family did not learn of her “immortality” until more than twenty years after her death when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. And though the cells had launched a multimillion-dollar industry that sells human biological materials, her family never saw any of the profits. As Rebecca Skloot so brilliantly shows, the story of the Lacks family—past and present—is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of.

Over the decade it took to uncover this story, Skloot became enmeshed in the lives of the Lacks family—especially Henrietta’s daughter Deborah. Deborah was consumed with questions: Had scientists cloned her mother? Had they killed her to harvest her cells? And if her mother was so important to medicine, why couldn’t her children afford health insurance?

Intimate in feeling, astonishing in scope, and impossible to put down, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* captures the beauty and drama of scientific discovery, as well as its human consequences.



***Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell**

In this stunning book, Malcolm Gladwell takes us on an intellectual journey through the world of “outliers”—the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. He asks the question: what makes high-achievers different?

His answer is that we pay too much attention to what successful people are like, and too little attention to where they are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Along the way he explains the secrets of software billionaires, what it takes to be a great hockey player, and what made the Beatles the greatest rock band.

Brilliant and entertaining, *Outliers* is a landmark work that will simultaneously delight and illuminate.

AP Language Annotation Rubric for Summer Reading Books

CATEGORY	A	B	C	D/F
Quantity	<i>At least</i> 30 pages of concentrated annotations and/or a total of at least 150 marginal notes in each book. Concentrated annotations are when all of the five types below are concentrated on one page in the book.	25-29 pages of concentrated annotations and/or a total of about 100 marginal notes in each book	20-24 pages of concentrated annotations and/or a total of about 75 marginal notes in each book	Fewer than 20 pages of concentrated annotations and/or 75 marginal notes in each book
Quality	Conscientious balance between: Definitions, Elements, Personal Reaction, Questions, and Summary	Adequate balance between: Definitions, Elements, Personal Reaction, Questions, and Summary	Lopsided between: Definitions, Elements, Personal Reaction, Questions, and Summary	Insufficient variety between: Definitions, Elements, Personal Reaction, Questions, and Summary
Thoroughness	Annotations are balanced <i>throughout</i> the book with attention to the first and last sections.	Annotations are <i>scarcely</i> balanced throughout the book with attention to the first and last sections.	Annotations are concentrated in random parts of the book without enough attention to the first and last sections.	Annotations are not adequately balanced throughout the text.
Neatness/ Insight	Annotations are legible and show a genuine attempt to engage with the book in insightful ways. Annotations go beyond labeling.	Annotations, although legible, lack an attempt to engage with the book in insightful ways. Annotations go beyond labeling.	Annotations are not always legible and lack a genuine attempt to engage with the book in insightful ways. Annotations go beyond labeling.	Annotations are not always legible and reveal a minimal attempt to engage with the book in insightful ways.