

**Summer Reading Assignments**  
**English 12**  
**2017-2018**

To prepare you for your SENIOR (yeah!) year, you will need to do some reading over the summer. This reading will help us dive into our discussion about recognizing argument in texts and effectively reading nonfiction.

A few of these books contain instances of adult language or adult situations, but the benefits of these books far outweigh any potentially offensive material. If you have any questions about a book's content, please email [otasch@hs-stm.org](mailto:otasch@hs-stm.org).

**You are required to complete TWO assignments and upload to Turnitin.com before 8 AM on the first day of school (Monday, August 21, 2017). If you do not complete and turn in these assignments by the due date, you will complete them in the Academic Lab.**

**TECHNOLOGY USE**

<b>TURNITIN</b> All assignments must be submitted to Turnitin.com by 8 AM on the first day of school	<b>ENROLLMENT INFORMATION</b> Class ID: Contact <a href="mailto:otasch@hs-stm.org">otasch@hs-stm.org</a> for class ID Password: stmsabers
<b>SCHOOLGY</b> Important information, materials, and updates will be communicated via Schoology. Every student must register for Schoology.	<b>ENROLLMENT INFORMATION</b> Enrollment Code: Z4RB2-4484

**Assignment 1: *They Say, I Say***

Read the selected readings from *They Say, I Say* by Gerald Graff. These are provided in PDF format on the Schoology page for English 12. (Make sure you register!)

**Assignment:**

As you read the excerpts, choose **FIVE** key moments from the text. Copy **FIVE** quotes from the text into a document and **write a 100 word reflection on each quote [500 words total]**.

Answer these questions in the reflections:

- [1] Why is this quote important?
- [2] What does this quote say about writing about arguments?
- [3] What do you need to do in your own writing to do this?

**Notice** - You are required to find FIVE different quotes and write FIVE different reflections. Feel free to use the template uploaded on Schoology.

**Upload your document to Turnitin.com when you are finished.**

## Assignment 2: Nonfiction Book

### Overview

The English 12 course focuses on the arguments authors make in writing. To prepare for this, you will read one nonfiction book and write about it.

## Assignment

After reading your book:

**1st** Write a THEY SAY statement about your author's argument

**2nd** Provide FIVE quotes from your book that show this argument.

**3rd** For each of the FIVE quotes, please include a 200 word reflection about what point the author makes in the quote AND whether you agree or disagree with the author's point.

Don't know what I mean when I say that you have to write a THEY SAY statement? You will understand this after you read the PDF for Assignment 1.

**Notice - You are required to find FIVE different quotes and write FIVE different They Say reflections. Feel free to use the template uploaded on Schoology.**

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## Book Options

*Outliers* by Malcom Gladwell

This book follows many outstanding men and women and argues that their greatness comes not just from their hard work, but from opportunities that they were given early in life.

*The Gift of Fear* by Gavin De Becker

This book gives information on how to recognize warning signals of violence and prevent potential problems with other people.

*Odd Girl Out* by Rachel Simmons

This book documents the socialization of girls as sweet, cooperative and nice, and then shows through case studies and psychological research how this leads to an odd mixture of aggression and passivity.