

Summer Reading for 2026–27
Grade 10

Students entering into Grade 10 must fulfill two requirements for summer reading:

- (1) each student must read the assigned two books this summer and
- (2) complete a reading journal for each book

Fiction: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (ISBN-13: 978-0143039853)

Nonfiction: *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell (ISBN-13 978-0316017930)

Instructions:

1. Buy or borrow a paper copy of each book using the ISBN number to make sure you get the right book.
2. Keep a reading journal. You will write a ½ page to 1 page entry for each chapter in the book. Each journal entry should include the date of your reading. You should write at least three sentences summarizing what you understood in the chapter followed by at least three sentences that include your thoughts, questions, and observations about the chapter. All journal entries must be handwritten.

Grading:

Your journals will be worth 50 points for each book. You will then use your journal to help you with an in-class assessment (test, project, or discussion) for each book in the fall.

Example of a journal entry

5/15/2026
Chapter 5

*Ponyboy wakes up in a strange place, and he realizes that it was in the empty church. At first, he is all alone, but then Johnny shows up with some snacks and other supplies from the store, including a copy of *Gone with the Wind*, which they read to pass the time. They talk a little about Pony's family, and how much Johnny looks up to Dally. Finally after five days, Dally shows up, and they are both very glad to see him.*

I didn't really think Dally was a good guy or that he would help them, but he came through. The part about them reading the book made them seem more like normal kids than before because they were both interested in the story. The letter that Sodapop sent shows that Darry really does care about Pony and wants him to come home. I wonder if he will believe him. Also, it sounds like they are going to fight the Socs.