**Writing Notes: *Outliers* Summer Reading Essay**

DP1

* Make sure your TS references your MI and the specific DI that the paragraph will focus on.

TS = MI + DI #1

Ex. The first portion of Gladwell’s novel argues that success is not influenced solely by a strong work ethic (MI), but rather is dependent on an individual’s specific circumstances (DI #1).

* Make sure your LI is thorough and provides context. What three elements should you include in your LI?

Ex. When Gladwell comments on the circumstances surrounding the success of the Beatles, he focuses on their experience playing in Germany. He says, “All told, they performed for 270 nights in just over a year and a half. By the time they had their first burst of success in 1964, in fact, they had performed live an estimated twelve hundred times...the Hamburg crucible is one of the things that set the Beatles apart” (50).

* Craft sophisticated A/I. Remember analysis is initiated by using the formula of:

Possessive + Noun + Strong Verb

Ex. Gladwell’s (possessive) argument (noun) enforces (strong verb) the value of the 10,000 hour rule. (This is step #1 of your analysis: What is the significance of the DQ?) He uses the example of the Beatles in an attempt to prove that success is attainable through circumstances that lead to opportunities. If the Beatles did not have the chance to perform in Hamburg, perhaps they would not have been able to hone their talents as a band. (What does Gladwell suggest through this DQ?) Through including this narration about the Beatles, Gladwell suggest that the achievement of the “American Dream” cannot be achieved through hard work alone.( How does this DQ reflect Gladwell’s re-envisioned American Dream?)