LAGUNA BLANCA SCHOOL
SUMMER READING/Writing 2019 FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE and COMPOSITION

All Laguna Blanca students entering grades 5-12 in the fall are required to read books this summer. Because the reading will form the basis for class discussion and writing assignments in English classes during the opening weeks of school, we ask that students use Post-its® or a pen/pencil to do a close reading. A close reading means to make notes in the margins, mark confusing and/or favorite passages, highlight interesting information, and comment on significant language. Please buy only new books or used books that have no marking in them at all. The books (the specific required edition as indicated by the ISBN # listed below) can be purchased at Chaucer's Bookstore, 3321 State Street, Loreto Plaza, Santa Barbara, CA.

REQUIRED READING
Please read the following book and complete the accompanying assignment in Formative (log-in instructions below). There will be a reading test at the beginning of the year that will require you to:

- Match characters with their descriptions
- Identify the speakers of various excerpts
- Recall some of the more important incidents from the book

The Things They Carried. Tim O'Brien. ISBN: 978-0544309760
A classic work of American literature that has not stopped changing minds and lives since it burst onto the literary scene, The Things They Carried is a ground-breaking meditation on war, memory, imagination, and the redemptive power of storytelling.

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- Use your school Google account to sign up
- Enter the class code TBHVYG to join our class
- Complete the assignment called “TTTC Summer Reading”
  - Be as thorough and thoughtful with your ORIGINAL responses as possible

RECOMMENDED READING
If you are looking for additional reading this summer, consider Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell (ISBN: 978-0316017930). In it, 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 soccer player, why Asians are good at math, and what made the Beatles the great rock band.

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

As you read, concentrate on Gladwell’s unique definition of success. Notice how he uniquely defines and presents this abstract concept through his creative chapter titles, research, personal stories, and observations. You’ll be surprised at how much you will learn from this original perspective on success.