Honors English 10
Summer Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 10! It’s going to be a great semester! This class will prepare you for IB SL or IB HL English next year. You’ll do lots of reading, thinking, writing, and discussing. This year we are building the semesters around themes. In the fall semester, we’ll be thinking about identity and what all that entails; in the spring, it’s all about personal responsibility. That being said, the summer assignment will start your thinking about identity. Here’s the assignment:

1. **Read one of these nonfiction texts, annotating where needed.**
   - *Mindset: The Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck
   - *Succeed: How We Can Reach Our Goals* by Grant Halvorson
   - *Grit* by Angela Duckworth

   While reading, be thinking about how these approaches to life develop specific [learner profile traits](#).

   A note about annotations: These are for **YOU**. We will not take up your books and check them, nor do you have a certain number to accumulate; however, you will be in small literature circles with others and will need to refer back to your text. In this setting, be prepared to ASK and ANSWER questions. Annotations should be meaningful. Don’t just highlight things. If you highlight, why are you doing that? Make notes in the margins.

2. **Choose a work of fiction and complete a dialectical journal for it.**
   - You should have at least 10 entries in the dialectical journal that focus on identity of character(s). How is their identity revealed? Do they seem to have multiple identities? Make note of places in the work where you see an identity revealed or being developed. An example of the format for dialectical journals is below.
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<td>“Hermione looked at Harry. ‘I’m coming with you,’ she said.”</td>
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<td>This passage shows the reader that one facet of Hermione’s identity is that of devoted friend. She is willing to forego her final year at Hogwarts to help Harry find horcruxes, even though she considers herself a scholar and enjoys school.</td>
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The first whole class novel we’ll read is *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon. It would be helpful if you had your own copy to annotate; you can find it on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).