***Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell**

**Reading Guide: Chapter 2 “The 10,000 Hour Rule”**

**Vocabulary words:** **Tedious**(part 1): too long or slow; tiresome

**Innate** (Part 2): inborn or natural

**Assimilate** (Part 2): to absorb or bring into conformity with everyone else.

**Prodigy** (Part 2): a person, especially a young one, endowed with exceptional qualities or abilities

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**Section 1 & 3:** Who is Bill Joy and why should you care? *Bill Joy is responsible for rewriting a software system (UNIX) that is THE operating system your computers still use today. Because of how influential Joy is to modern computing, he is sometimes referred to as the “Edison of the Internet.”*

Write a one sentence summary:

Section 1 –

Section 3 –

1. List the three factors that give “outliers” their “lofty status.”
2. Apply the three factors to Bill Joy.

1. What is the purpose for including section 1?
2. What is the purpose for including section 3?

**Section 2:**

Write a one sentence summary:

1. Explain the significance of “Practice isn’t the thing you do once you’re good. It’s the thing you do that makes you good.”
2. Explain Gladwell’s view of “innate talent.”
3. What is the purpose for including section 2?

**Section 4:** Who are The Beatles and why should you care? *Because of the effect on music, fashion, culture, and the society in general, The Beatles are the most influential British music group of all time. They changed the music industry by popularizing rock and roll. Over fifty years later, their music still influences and inspires new generations of listeners.*

One sentence summary:

1. Why are The Beatles “outliers”?
2. What is the purpose for including section 4?

**Section 5:** Besides being the youngest person to ever become a billionaire (age 32), why should you care about Bill Gates? *He invented the modern computer and continues efforts to make the world one connected globe. In addition, his foundation (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) is dedicated to world-wide charity work.*

One sentence summary -

1. Why is Bill Gates an “outlier”?
2. What is the purpose for including section 5?

**Section 6: (Everyone reads)**

One sentence summary -

1. Why end the chapter with this section?