

## **Outliers Final Assessment**

In the final chapter of Outliers Gladwell shares with us his story of “success”, applying the ideas in his book to his own personal story. For our final assessment, write a personal reflection essay/memoir based on the following questions/prompts. Rather than answer them separately, weave your responses into a collective narrative that addresses them.

*By the way, please notice that I’ve placed “success” in quotes. Gladwell offering up of several case studies of “success” in Outliers suggests that there’s no single definition of this elusive concept. So define “success” as you see fit in this exercise.*

- *What’s your story of “success”?*
  - *To what extent are you the beneficiary of “hidden advantage, extraordinary opportunity, and cultural legacies”?*
  - *To what degree have you benefitted from “parentage or patronage”?*
- *In essence, describe how all of these factors have shaped the “success” you’ve had up to this point.*
- *Given that you now have a better understanding of somebody’s idea of the factors that shape success, will this influence the way you move forward from this point? Explain your answer.*