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| **Common Reading Project 2014:** ***Outliers*** “Introduction: The Roseto Mystery”**Pre-Reading Questions** |

1. “Why do some people succeed, living remarkably productive and impactful lives, while so many more never reach their potential?”

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1. What exactly does it mean, in your opinion, for a person to have a “successful life?”

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1. How much does your ability to succeed depend on chance and how much does it depend on the choices you make?

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1. Read Gladwell’s definition of an outlier. Before reading the chapter, brainstorm some possible examples of outliers (based on what you gathered from this definition).

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1. In a paragraph, describe a time when you or someone you know succeeded in an unexpected way. Try to use **descriptive language** in your paragraph: **paint the scene** and **use the senses** to bring the reader there.

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Active Reading: As you read this chapter, write (with purpose) in your book. Write notes in the margins (questions, your own personal examples), underline words you don’t know, write definitions and synonyms in the margins, put stars next to things you think are important and smiley faces next to things you like. Annotations will help your comprehension, and they’ll give you things to write about in your essays!