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| **Common Reading Project 2014:*****Outliers*** “The Trouble with Geniuses, Parts 1 and 2”**Ideas for Writing** |

1. Compare and contrast your own definition of *entitlement* with Malcolm Gladwell’s definition.

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2. Why did some of Terman’s Termites fail to succeed, in your opinion? What was the cause? What was the effect?

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3. Gladwell claims that young people who learn at home to “present their best face to the world” are better equipped to deal with life challenges. Analyze this claim and explain why you agree or disagree.

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4. Solutions to the problem:

After considering Gladwell’s definition of *entitlement*, and his claim that Chris Langan’s potential was hindered by a lack thereof, what changes can you suggest someone make in order to develop healthy relationships with authority figures? (This can include authority figures in any arena, e.g., school, work, sports teams, organized religion.)

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