

19/20 Summer Assignment—Theory of Knowledge I—Rising Juniors

TOK will explore the concept of knowledge as a justified true belief. In order to begin our understanding, it is important for you to complete the following assignments prior to the first day of school.

Phase 1: Read the book *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. This book will be instrumental in our discussions throughout the year. Note and mark interesting anecdotes you feel will be worth referencing in your understanding of how we know what we know.

Phase 2: Memorize the following concepts:

A. The 8 Ways of Knowing (Use the acronym SLIMFIRE to remember them all.)

1. Sensory Perception
2. Language
3. Intuition
4. Memory
5. Faith
6. Imagination
7. Reason
8. Emotion

B. The 8 Areas of Knowledge - See if you can come up with your own acronym to remember them.

1. Mathematics
2. Natural Sciences
3. Human Sciences
4. The Arts
5. History
6. Ethics
7. Indigenous Knowledge
8. Religious Knowledge

Phase 3: Write a 500 word essay detailing how you know what you know. Provide evidence for your conclusions.

Please email joseph.wright@ocps.net with any questions you may have.