Advanced Placement Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment, 2019

Directions: You are reading three books this summer. They are the following:
1. *The Coddling of the American Mind* by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt
2. *David and Goliath* by Malcolm Gladwell
3. Choice book. Please select a book to read and be ready to pitch it to your Advisory group.

Assignments:
1. *The Coddling of the American Mind*
   a. Develop a vocabulary spreadsheet. When you come across an unknown vocabulary word, look it up, define it, and write a sentence using the word. Generate a list for each chapter.
   b. In early fall, we will Zoom (kind of like a professional Facetime) with Greg Lukianoff.
      i. Prepare five questions to ask him. The questions you ask should delve into the heart of the book. Do not ask him “How did you come up with this idea?” Instead, your questions should be something like, “Is what’s happening to free speech on college campuses indicative of a larger cultural shift?”
      ii. Challenge some of his claims. In order to do this, you need to investigate some of the examples he brings up to be familiar with how he is using his evidence. Additionally, try to find counterclaims. What would someone say against one of their ideas?
         1. You should have five challenges/counterclaims.
2. *David and Goliath*
   a. Develop a vocabulary spreadsheet. When you come across an unknown vocabulary word, look it up, define it. Write a sentence using the word. Generate a list for each chapter.
   b. Know the following concepts:
      i. The biblical story of David and Goliath
      ii. The inverted U-curve
      iii. Desirable disadvantage or desirable difficulty
      iv. “Big fish in a little pond, little fish in a big pond”
      v. “Force without legitimacy”
   c. Read two articles critiquing Malcolm Gladwell’s methodology.
      i. Properly MLA cite both articles
      ii. Summarize, in 3-4 sentences, each article.