

## ASSIGNMENT

### **Gladwell Listening Assignment:**

*You should take notes on what Mr Gladwell is saying as you're listening to allow for easier completion of this assignment.*

1. The main idea of this story is 'Sometimes smart, successful people do really dumb things'. The idea that someone would do something ON PURPOSE that would make them less successful just because they're worried about perception is BAFFLING. Think about how you relate to this idea (We all do)
2. One of the interesting things in this podcast is the discussion about Threshold Social Psychology.
  1. A low Threshold person would be one who does what's right and best regardless of what people will think.
  2. A high threshold person is one who might choose differently, in order to manage his/her public image. As you become MORE successful - this becomes even more important.
  3. Being HONEST (really honest), think about which one of these are you relate to more.

Using your thoughts above, write a 1 page essay discussing the ideas of the podcast as it relates to you in your school life. Make at least one reference to your involvement in music and band as well. How does this information apply to your band life?

### **Holiday Reading Assignment**

You read 3 chapters from Ryan Holiday's book "Ego is the Enemy", an amazing book about how we are most often our own obstacle to real success in life. Write a one-page reaction in terms of how the things Holiday discussed affect you in life, especially in terms of your leadership. Cite some specific examples to make it more personal, and give me 2 areas where you think you need to grow.

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