

## **Directed Self Placement Essay Prompt, 2009**

"Most Likely to Succeed" by Malcolm Gladwell

The New Yorker

December 15, 2008

**Write a 3-5 page, double-spaced essay (750-900 words) in response to the following prompt:**

Analyze Gladwell's proposal on how to select and retain teachers in the United States, and argue for or against his proposal using evidence from the article.

Gladwell, Malcolm. "Most Likely to Succeed." *The New Yorker*. 15 December 2008.