To guide you as you are reading, the Advising and Summer Reading Committee compiled a list of questions. Please print this document out, answer the questions, and bring your responses on Wednesday, August 21st to the small group discussions during Turning Titan: New Student Orientation. The small group will be comprised of the students in your Gateway course, at least one upper-class student leader and a faculty member and/or staff person.

In addition, you are encouraged to review and think about the “Questions and Topics for Discussion” listed at the end of Outcasts United.

1. For the refugees, what are the differences between the reality of living in America and the dream of living in America?

2. As illustrated in the book, cultural experiences help shape personal identity. Explain how cultural experiences have contributed to your own identity. It may help to ponder things like your specific family culture, vacations, traditions, cultural events, etc.

3. Beyond being simply a sport, soccer served as a lightning rod for the contention between veteran Clarkston residents and the refugees. For each side, what issues did soccer represent?

4. How do the refugees typically view America? What lessons about life in America do the refugee families learn? What sacrifices are necessary for their simple survival?

5. Luma required the team to follow a specific list of rules. How does one go about establishing and enforcing rules intended to serve the common good without becoming tyrannical?

6. What determines the legitimacy or illegitimacy of power? In terms of power, what differentiates Luma from the police force?