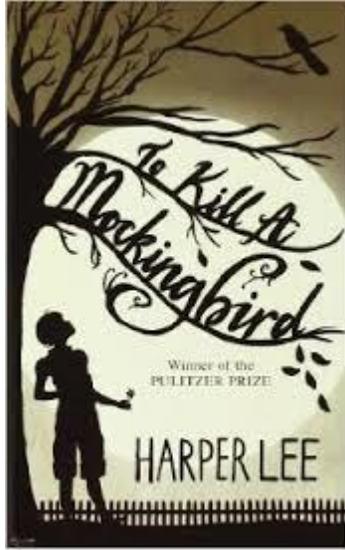


Incoming 10th Pre-AP English Summer Reading ~ 2016

Dear Students:

ALL incoming 10th grade Pre-AP ELA students **are required to read the following novel over the summer**. Evaluation of your reading will take place the **first week** of the course.



Harper Lee To Kill a Mockingbird

In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee uses memorable characters to explore civil rights and racism in the segregated Southern United States of the 1930s. Told through the eyes of Scout Finch, you learn about her father Atticus Finch, an attorney who hopelessly strives to prove the innocence of a black man unjustly accused of rape; and about Boo Radley, a mysterious neighbor who saves Scout and her brother Jem from being killed.

Submission Deadline

- You will submit your summer assignment during the first week of school.
- *This assignment will count as major grade for the 1st six weeks.*

You can find this book at places like:

1. Borders
2. Barnes & Noble
3. Amazon.com
4. Half Price Books
5. Local Library

Summer Reading Assignment

1. **Dialectical Journals- YOU MUST WRITE 20 ENTRIES.** Dialectical journals are journals in which the reader records a mental conversation with the text. (SEE ATTACHED EXAMPLE)

You can use these journals to:

- Summarize and question
 - Pose questions
 - Read closely for details, images, diction, etc.
 - Notice patterns
 - Write analysis and make connections
 - Connect method to purpose, effect, and meaning
 - Make choices about evidence
 - Document quotes
 - Make inferences about characters, symbols, etc.
2. **Writing Assignment-** Choose two quotes from *To Kill A Mockingbird* that you believe illustrates a(n) important aspect of the text. Then, in a brief essay (250-500 words) FOR EACH QUOTE explain why that chosen frame is important. Does your quote reflect a theme of the book? Does your frame provide important information on a major character or event? Does your quote or theme illustrate what the book is attempting to teach us about life? Please note that you are required to write an essay between 250 and 500 words.

WARNING: Do not wait until the last minute. This reading is for your own good. We expect you to do your *own* work. Plagiarism will result in an automatic “0”.

Have a safe summer,

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