



English I and English I Honors Summer Reading

Assignment 1: Required Reading

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Close Active Reading with Themes Assignment - Identifying Themes in Literature

**Directions:**

- Read To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.
  - You are required to purchase a copy and bring it on the first day of school.
  - ISBN# 9780060935467
- While you read, do the following:
  - Identify **ONE** example per chapter of any of the themes listed below.
  - Highlight the example in your book.
  - Identify the theme in the margin of the page.
  - Record the example, theme, and an explanation or thought about the text on the chart below.
  - **Print** the chart and bring it with you on the first day of school. Points will be deducted for late assignments.
  - Chapter 1 has been completed for you as an example.
- This assignment counts as your first summative grade of the new academic year and will be the basis for your first writing assignment.
- Be prepared to discuss the novel upon your return. There will be an assessment during the first 2 weeks of school. A study guide will be provided upon your return.

**THEMES OF TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**

- Good vs. Evil
- Prejudice, stereotyping, & racism
- Growing Up / Family Dynamics
- Courage

Chapter	Pg. #	Passage: Direct quotation from the text	Theme	Explanation/Thoughts
1	5	“During his first five years in Maycomb, Atticus practiced economy more than anything; for several years thereafter he invested his earnings in his brother’s education.”	Growing up/ family dynamics	The older brother had to take care of paying for the younger brother’s education. I wonder if this is common for American families in the deep south or if their family is very poor?
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30/31 Choose 1 example from either of these chapters.				

## English I and English I Honors Assignment #2: Book of Choice Novels & Non-Fiction

Choose 1 of the following titles:

- The Chosen - Chaim Potok
- A Separate Peace - John Knowles
- Tuesdays with Morrie - Mitch Albom
- Watership Down - Richard Adams
- Dune - Frank Herbert
- The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexander Dumas
- Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
- Upon the Head of the Goat - by Aranka Siegal
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

### Assignment for Book of Choice: Writing a Journal Entry

- Write 1 journal entry for the book of your choice.
  - Non-honors 150 - 200 words
  - Honors 250 - 300 words
- Choose 1 of the following topics as your journal entry :
  - In your opinion, what do you consider the critical plot point? In other words, what's the most important event within the plot of the book? Describe the event

and then analyze it using 2 quoted passages for support. Cite the exact page you took the quoted passage from in the text. (MLA format)

- Describe how the protagonist changes over the course of the text. Support your thesis with three quotes. Include page citations. (MLA)
- Analyze (explain) a key setting that is important to the text. Include a quoted passage describing the setting along with the correct page citation (MLA) and your understanding of how or why that setting is important to the text.

You may type or handwrite your journal entry. This assignment is due on our first day in class and will be collected. If you type your journal please bring a printed copy to class on the first day.

For assistance with properly completing quotes and MLA citations please visit: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/03/>

## Summer Reading Rubric - 50 Points

### 1. To Kill a Mockingbird (30 points):

#### Theme Chart

- Chart is completed according to directions.
- Each example and its corresponding theme is correctly identified.
- Explanations demonstrate your thought process and show an understanding of the material.

### 2. Book of Choice (20 points)

- Journal entry meets all requirements of the assignment (citations, word count, etc.)
- The student's writing demonstrates a thoughtfulness about the text and the journal entry topic.
- Careful reading and a thorough understanding of the text are evident from the journal entry.