

## Honors English I Summer Reading Assignment

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*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee: Students will be required to purchase, read, and annotate the novel before the start of class next year. Books will be collected on the second day of class, and annotations will be checked for a **100-point test grade**. (Late work will be accepted with a ten-percent penalty per day.) Students will be expected to annotate entire novel with comments in every chapter. Some copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* have dense text and small margins, so students will be expected to annotate on sticky notes, which can then be stuck into book where important plot points, questions, or issues arise in the novel. Students will be expected to comment **75 times** throughout course of novel. These comments and questions should be broken into distinct categories, which can be represented with various colored sticky notes or not, as the student wishes. **At least 25 sticky notes should indicate questions students have about the novel.** These questions may be questions the student has about the text itself, representing areas of confusion, or else be questions that the student--at a particular point--would want to ask the author or character. **At least 25 of the sticky notes should represent what the student thinks is an important moment in the novel.** These can be surprising developments or turning points and are intended to be entirely at the student's discretion. The final 25 sticky notes can represent questions, points of interest, or anything else that the student wants to comment on. Each comment should be at least one **complete sentence**. The intent of this assignment is, primarily, to get students reading and interacting with the novel, so that we can immediately jump into class discussion and get a writing sample--an essay based on the novel--within the first week of school next year. This means that both reading and annotating the novel over the summer will be absolutely essential to starting off on the right foot in honors next year. Class discussion, a test grade, and an essay will all be impacted by this assignment in the very first week of school.