

English 10: Summer Reading List

Required: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (Note: Even if you have read this book before, you must read it again in order to pass the test at the beginning of the year.)

Choose one of the following to read in addition to the required book:

- *King of the Hill* by A.E. Hotchner
- *Jackie Robinson: A Biography* by Arnold Rampersad
- *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Assignment:

- You must take a test on both books (*To Kill a Mockingbird* and your choice) during the first week of school. You must also complete a written assignment, due the first day of school, for each book.
- Writing Assignments
 - o Each written assignment must:
 - be at least one page in length, and no more than two pages
 - be typed with black ink using 12 point Times New Roman font
 - be typed on white 8.5" x 11" paper
 - have 1 inch margins on all sides
 - be double spaced throughout the entire document
 - o *To Kill a Mockingbird* options – Choose one of the following:
 - Research the Great Depression by finding newspaper articles from the 1930s. Compare two newspaper articles from the 1930s to the experiences of the protagonist.
 - Write a review of the book. The review must include/answer the following:
 - Identify the protagonist, conflict, major themes, and setting.
 - Explain how the conflict is resolved.
 - What are the minor conflicts in the book? How do these minor conflicts relate to the major conflict?
 - Did the book satisfy you as a reader? Explain.
 - Would you recommend this book? Explain.
 - o For your second choice:
 - Continue the story by writing an epilogue, or after word, in the voice of the narrator. The epilogue should be creative but must be consistent with the story.