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Welcome to Honors English!! I am pleased you have enrolled in this challenging class and are looking forward to an exciting year. As an Honors English student, you obviously are continuing to develop a habit of independent reading. Summer, therefore, is undoubtedly a time when you enjoy personal choices of reading material. This summer, in addition to those personal choices, I am asking you to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* (see the list of texts for the appropriate edition and ISBN).

The success of your first in-class discussions and writing assignments will depend on a close and careful reading of this novel. A summer reading literature guide for *To Kill a Mockingbird* will be placed on Mrs. Krone's teacher website after July 15 to assist you in your analysis of the text:

<http://www.edline.net/pages/ParkwayCentralHS/Classes/ckrone-050-2014>

To assist you in the fall, you should complete the study questions contained in the literature guide and mark important passages and literary techniques with post-it notes as you read. Use the literature guide to help you determine what topics to focus on when annotating your text and marking passages.

During the first week of school, an in-class test over the novel and literary terms (see the list below) will be administered. For the purpose of the literary terms test, you should know the definitions of all the terms listed below and be able to apply all applicable terms to Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. To help you define the terms there will be several web links on Mrs. Krone's website.

9th Grade Literary Terms:

theme	figurative language	rising action
motif	simile	climax
satire	metaphor	falling action
allegory	personification	resolution (denouement)
symbolism	imagery	setting
foreshadowing	irony	protagonist
flashback	hyperbole	antagonist
foil	point of view (all types)	conflict (internal, external, different types)
mood	plot	characterization (indirect and direct)
tone	Freytag's Plot Pyramid	
allusion	exposition	

You may borrow or purchase *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but I recommend that you purchase the novel in order to annotate as you read. Annotations help to make you a more active reader and give you a place to go back and look at how your understanding of a text developed. See the handout "Annotating Texts" and the article "Interrogating Texts: 6 Reading Habits to Develop in Your First Year at Harvard" on the website if you need help with annotations. Your annotations will not only help you complete the assignments but leave you with a more thorough understanding of the text.

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The following texts are read during freshman year. You are not required to purchase any of the texts; however, if you would like to, the following ISBNs are the editions we use. If for some reason you cannot purchase the summer reading novels, please check them out from the library.

Summer Reading:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Grand Central Publishing

ASIN: B005MTHZDO
ISBN: 978-088103052-5

First Semester:

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Penguin

ASIN: B008CMNPIM
ISBN: 0143114557

The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama
St. Martin's Griffen

ISBN-10: 0312144075
ISBN-13: 9780312144074

Night by Elie Wiesel
Hill and Wang

ISBN-10: 0374500010
ISBN-13: 9780374500016

Second Semester:

1984 by George Orwell
Signet Classics

ISBN-10: 0451524934
ISBN-13: 9780451524935

Romeo and Juliet (Folger Shakespeare Library) by William Shakespeare
Simon & Schuster

ISBN: 0743482808

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Harper Perennial Modern Classics

ISBN: 0061120065
ISBN-13: 9780061120060

On the first day of school, you should bring your copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird* along with the completed literature guide. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Krone at ckrone@parkwayschools.net. Enjoy your summer. I look forward to seeing you in August!

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