

Tenth Grade Honors English
Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 10th grade Honors English! This assignment will prepare you for the year ahead.

Part 1-

Students will read To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee in preparation for Tenth Grade Honors English. Students will complete assignments to display writing abilities, skills and talents. Due to time constraints and the work that must be covered throughout the year, this novel must be completed during the summer months. Upon return to school in the fall, students will complete additional assignments and assessments based on the novel. You may sign out a copy of the novel before the end of the school year or you may wish to buy your own copy so that you may mark in it or refer to it later. **The whole assignment is due on the first Thursday of the first week of school.**

Part 2-

Literary Movement Assignment:

In American Literature, there are seven major literary movements that have occurred that have reflected the time period as well as the society's values which are shown through the literary works of that time. We will be discussing these movements in depth throughout the school year. In order to get a basic understanding of these movements, part of your assignment will be to research some background information on each movement. **Make sure you are researching the *literary* movement, not just the historical movement itself. Make sure you are also researching the *American* literary movement, not the British literary movement.** The movements are as follows:

Puritanism

Reason

Transcendentalism

Anti-Transcendentalism

Realism

The Age of Science/Naturalism

Modernism

Your assignment is to find a reliable source (**not Wikipedia**) in order to get a general understanding of each movement. Make sure you write the sources used at the end of your assignment. You will write **one** full paragraph for **each** movement that includes at least the following:

-Dates of movement

-Definition of the literary movement with background information on what the *literature* of the time focused on

-Two prominent authors and the name of their work

- 1 or 2 major events that impacted the movement

DO NOT COPY AND PASTE. Write the information you found in your own words. *If your work is found to be plagiarized, you will receive a zero and a referral.*

Part 3-

After completing this assignment and reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, choose a movement that you believe influenced the writing of the novel. There is not one correct answer, but you need to be able to support your chosen movement. The only two movements that I will ask you to not use are Puritanism and Reason based on their literary focus. In a one page argument, defend why your chosen movement influenced *To Kill a Mockingbird*. You are required to use examples and quotes from the text to support your argument. Remember, it is not expected that you are an expert in this movement, but you should have enough knowledge to explain your reasoning.

You will be graded on the following:

1. Minimum page requirement met-5 pts.
2. Included quotes and examples-10 pts.
3. Strong argument for a particular movement- 10 pts.
4. Grammar and punctuation is acceptable 5 pts.

Please make sure your essay is typed with one-inch margins and 12pt. Times New Roman font. This paper can be double spaced.