

9th Grade HONORS Literature (L. HAZEL)
Cook High School
Summer Reading Assignment for Freshmen 2017-2018

In order to prepare for 9th Grade HONORS Literature (a one-semester course), you are required to read and annotate *To Kill a Mockingbird* written by Harper Lee, and write six journals that document your reading. The annotated novel and journals are **due the first day of class in August 2017 regardless of which semester you are in the course**. I recommend buying used (paper) novels; these are more affordable to purchase online or from a college bookstore than from most stores.

To **annotate** your novels: mark/underline/highlight your novels--several annotation systems can be found online, use a system you find online or create your own system. Please write the KEY to your annotations inside the back cover of your books. Inside the front cover of your book, write a list of characters with a short description of each character. Annotations include writing your on-going personal reactions and your personal commentary in the margins of your books. Annotations may include: your questions, your observations, your feelings, your connections to other works or to your experiences, your ideas, your analyses of themes and symbols, and definitions of unfamiliar words.

As you annotate, you will (hopefully) have some ideas/reactions that are lengthy and will not fit in the margins... these "opportunities" should become your **journals**. You must journal at least SIX entries for each novel. Journal entries must include the chapter and the page number you are journaling about. Entries may include quotes, but should primarily consist of your personal reactions to what you are reading (NOT a summary of what you've read). Each journal should be at least 100 words. Journals should be written in dark ink or typed (12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced, black ink on white paper).

Your work is expected to be your ORIGINAL and PERSONAL work... Being successful in the class will require you to THINK for yourself, not borrow from others.

PROJECTS will be assigned the first week of class (August 2017 or January 2018, depending which semester you are assigned).

Please email me if you have any questions: lhazel@cook.k12.ga.us