

**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS
PRE-IB GRADE 9
MRS. LACEY**

Welcome to Pre-IB English 9. I look very forward to meeting you next year!

The novels assigned for summer reading are

To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card

As you read these novels, be aware that upon completing the reading you should be able to identify specific characters and their importance in the story and identify the sequence of events that makes up the plot. In addition, you should make note of any literary elements such as tone, theme, symbolism, etc. with which you are familiar and which you feel are important in the work. When you report to English class, be prepared for a reading quiz that covers the plot. This will be followed by discussion of the novels and by various written assignments, including a test.

In addition to the reading, for each novel you will turn in a characterization of selected characters who are essential to the story. For each of the **major characters**, write down **at least two** of his/her character traits, then list **two** examples for each trait, complete with page number, that verify your impression of this character. These examples may be something the character says or does, or they may be something that is said about him or her. The examples should come from different places in the novel to show that the character trait is not unique to only one situation. For **minor characters**, you only need to list **one** character trait, but you must provide **two** examples and the pages where the examples can be found.

Example: Atticus Finch is compassionate. He tells Scout, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view." (page 30)

or

Dill is imaginative. Scout says of him, "Beautiful things floated around in his dreamy head." (page 144)

For this assignment, the **major characters** in To Kill A Mockingbird are Atticus, Scout, Jem, Calpurnia, Boo, and Tom Robinson.

For this assignment, the **minor characters** in To Kill A Mockingbird are Dill, Miss Maudie, Aunt Alexandra, Bob Ewell, and Mayella Ewell.

For this assignment, the **major characters** in Ender's Game are Ender, Valentine, and Peter.

For this assignment, the **minor characters** in Ender's Game are Colonel Graff, Mazer Rackham, Bean, Dink, Bonzo, Bernard, Alai, and Stilson.

This list may be either typed or hand-written and it should be neat and error-free. It will be turned in on YOUR first day of English class (if you have English during the second semester, you will submit your summer work at that time).

I strongly suggest that you purchase your own copies of these books so that you can make notes in them and have them during class discussion.

If, for any reason, you object to the content of these books, please feel free to discuss it with me; there is an alternate selection available.

If you have any questions about this assignment, you may leave a message for me at Oscar Smith High School, 548-0696, or you may e-mail me at Darla.Lacey@cpschools.com.

Have a wonderful summer,
Mrs. Lacey

Class supplies:

- 3-Ring Binder divided into four sections
 - Vocabulary
 - Grammar
 - Literature
 - Writing
- 1 small spiral notebook for your journal
- 3 packs of 3x5 index cards
- 1 box of tissues