

## Sophomore Honors English Summer Assignments (Due the first day of school)

Welcome to Honors English 10 with Mrs. Hansen. I am looking forward to a great year next year. **The following assignments will be due the first day of school in the fall:**

### I. To Kill a Mockingbird Assignment

This summer you will have the opportunity to read one of the best-loved novels of all time, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which is generally taught sophomore year. All students taking Honors English 10 are assigned this novel for summer reading **prior** to entering school in the fall. **The following reading, journal writing, and test preparation MUST be done before the first day of school in the fall.** This is a fairly long book, so don't procrastinate!

1. **Obtain a copy of the novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee.** You will be able to find the book at most local libraries or bookstores. It would be a great book to add to your personal library. If you absolutely cannot get a copy of the book, copies will be available for check-out on a very limited basis at the school (ask in main office).
2. **Keep a reader's response journal.** After each two chapters, **write a 50-75 word (no longer) response** to what you have read. **DO NOT SUMMARIZE the reading, simply respond to it.** You can respond to characters, setting, theme, plot, or even how the chapters might remind you of something in your own life. This should be typed in 12 point font, double-spaced. There will be a total of 15 **short** responses (30 chapters). **THIS IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**
3. Be prepared to take a **TEST** on the novel **THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS**, as well as to participate in group and class discussions about the novel.

### II. Gods of Mount Olympus Assignment

We will be studying the Greeks and Romans early in first quarter. In order to facilitate this, you will need to review the gods of Mount Olympus during the summer.

1. Obtain a copy of a mythology book, such as Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*, or do research on the internet to learn about the following gods of Mount Olympus:
2. **In a short paragraph** (for each god – 14 short paragraphs total), **identify the following:** Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hestia, Hera, Athena, Ares, Artemis, Phoebus Apollo, Aphrodite, Hermes, Hephaestus, Demeter, and Dionysus. **Identify the Roman name for each god, as well as the realm and significance of each (what is important about each one).** **DO NOT TYPE – PRINT NEATLY IN INK - Restate this information in your own words, and cite your sources at the end.**

**NO LATE WORK is accepted in Honors English, so be prepared to hand in your summer homework on the first day back to school in August.**

I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall. Happy reading!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hansen (Honors English)