

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Summer Reading 2026- 2027 Guidelines

### Required Reading:

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

“One of the most cherished stories of all time, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.” (Amazon) [https://www.amazon.com/To-Kill-Mockingbird-Harper-Lee-audiobook/dp/B00K1HPPXO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=to+kill+a+mockingbird+novel&qid=1682703627&srefix=to+kill%2Caps%2C110&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/To-Kill-Mockingbird-Harper-Lee-audiobook/dp/B00K1HPPXO/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=to+kill+a+mockingbird+novel&qid=1682703627&srefix=to+kill%2Caps%2C110&sr=8-1)

### Required Reading Assignment:

As you read each chapter, look for the sentence or section that jumps out at you. Write a brief note about what is happening in the story so you can remember what you were thinking. (If nothing jumps out at you by the time you have finished reading each chapter, then go back and FIND something to respond to.)

You must:

- Write 5-10 sentences to explain each connection.
- Give the page number, paragraph, or line number of the part you are responding to.
- Mention which type of connection (Text-to-Text, Text-to-Self, or Text-to-World) you are using (Types of Connections page attached as final page of summer reading list).

### Choice Novel:

Each student will select a biography or an autobiography to read over the summer. The subject of this book must be appropriate. Students will be assigned a project over this book when they return to school.

## **Types of Connections:**

**1. Text-to-Self:** these are connections that we make between the text and our own life or experiences. Ask yourself the following questions to make Text-to-Self connections:

What does this remind me of in my life?

What is this similar to in my life?

How is this different from my life?

Has something like this ever happened to me?

How does this relate to my life?

What were my feelings when I read this?

**2. Text-to-Texts:** these are connections that we make between the text we are reading and something we have read in the past. Use the following sentence starters to make these kinds of connections:

What does this remind me of in another book I've read?

How is this text similar to other things I've read?

How is this different from other books I've read?

Have I read about something like this before?

**3. Text-to-World:** these are connections that we make between the text and what we know about the world around us. As you read, you may be reminded of something you saw on t.v., heard on the news, or even learned in another class. Use the following sentence stems to make text-to-world connections:

What does this remind me of in the real world?

How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?

How is this different from things that happen in the real world?

How did that part relate to the world around me?