

English I Pre-AP

Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Parents and Students,

The English I Pre-AP course is designed to prepare students for the rigorous demands of subsequent AP high school courses; thus, English I Pre-AP requires additional reading during the school year. Research indicates that the more a person reads, the better he/she reads, writes, spells, and comprehends vocabulary. Moreover, teens who do not read and write outside of school, especially during long breaks such as summer vacation, face a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who continue learning all year long.

In order to develop, sustain, and promote your habit of reading critically, the English I Pre-AP teachers at every high school require that you read **Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*** before school begins. Students cannot anticipate which semester they will take the course; therefore, the book must be read over the summer to be prepared for learning. Students should be prepared to be assessed when the course begins.

Parents are encouraged to read along with students in order to assist them in the reading assignment. Reading what your child reads is a great benefit to them, and you might enjoy the book.

Books are available for purchase at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Shreveport, as they have been ordered in bulk. However, there are many other options for procuring the novel.

If you or your student has any questions, please email me at _____ for further explanation or assistance. I will earnestly seek to respond to your questions and concerns should you choose to contact me about the assignment.

Enjoy your summer!