



Rising 12th Grade Summer Reading 2026

Greetings, Rising Seniors!

1. Literature class: This summer, read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* (ISBN 9780446310789). Please obtain a physical copy of the book so you can bring it to school. After school starts, we will take a reading pretest and then have a major assessment (in-class essay or seminar) on the book.
2. Rhetoric class: Each rising senior has already chosen a book and had it approved. (If the student wishes to change his or her selection, he or she should contact Mrs. Wortham.) After reading the approved book, the student should create an Annotated Works Cited entry for the book to be turned in on Google Classroom before class on the second day of school. Be sure to follow MLA 9 guidelines and include the author's credentials and a paragraph-length summary. If applicable, the student may use the book in his or her thesis paper.

Remember that the grades associated with summer reading can be really helpful in getting your literature and rhetoric grades off to a great start if you take advantage of them. If you have any questions about the summer reading, you can call the school at 205.216.0149 during our regular summer office hours or email us at the addresses below.

Happy Reading!

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