



The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading

Teacher's Name: Mr. Robinson

School Year: 2025-2026

Grade Level: 9

Course No.: 113

Course Name: Composition & Literature

Academic Level (AP/Honors/CP/Archangel): Archangel

ASSIGNED READING

***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**

"A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable coming-of-age tale in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage iniquities 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."—*from Goodreads*

ASSIGNMENT

Your assignment is to read ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by the first day of class. During the first week, you will participate in a Socratic Seminar focused on the novel. A Socratic Seminar is a formal, student-led discussion based on open-ended questions about a text. In this format, students are expected to listen actively, think critically, and express their own ideas while responding thoughtfully to the contributions of others. To prepare, you should take notes and/or use post-it notes to mark key ideas, passages, or questions as you read. While you will not be graded on your annotations, they are essential for meaningful participation in the seminar. More details about the Socratic Seminar process will be shared in class.

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ASSESSMENT

In addition to the Socratic Seminar, you will take a quiz on *To Kill a Mockingbird* during the first two weeks of the new school year.

You will also research the context within which the novel was written and write a research report on your findings.

CONTACT

Please contact me at **erobinson@thecatholichighschool.org** if you have any questions about the summer reading assignment.