

Dear Student,

Although we may read a novel, play, or work of non-fiction for enjoyment, each time we read one, we are building and practicing important basic reading skills. In our ever-more complex society, in which reading has become more and more crucial for success, this, in itself, is an important reason to spend time reading for enjoyment.

Some readers, however, are able to go beyond basic reading techniques and are able to practice *higher thinking skills* by reflecting on what they have read and how what they read affects them. It is this act of reflection—that is, stopping to think about what you are reading—that this summer reading assignment is attempting to encourage.

I hope you enjoy reading these books and that the act of responding to what you have read increases your enjoyment.

These two assignments are due **Friday, September 9, 2011**. They are worth a total of **150 points**.

Please do not hesitate to email me if you have questions or comments as you are reading!

Happy reading!

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To Kill a Mockingbird

Directions: As you read the novel, complete ALL of these activity pages. If you are not given an activity page to use for one of the writing assignments, write your assignments in MLA format. Use a separate sheet of paper for each MLA writing assignment.

Note: A paper containing terms and definitions is given. Use this for terms that you do not understand. Use a dictionary to look up any other terms or definitions that you do not understand.

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