

Advanced English II 2020



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Please submit all assignments to our AE2 Google Classroom. You may send general correspondence, such as questions about summer reading, to my email or on Google Classroom.



As part of advanced English classes at Carterville High School, there are expectations to go above and beyond in improving essential reading, writing, and critical thinking skills needed to ensure a successful future. To assist you in achieving this goal, the English department is implementing a summer reading project for Advanced English II.

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Why should I read over the summer?

Some of you may be asking yourself this very question. Research shows students who do not read over the summer break fall below their expected reading levels, while students who do read maintain or make gains above their expected grade level equivalency. These critical reading skills are important to you because they affect all curriculums.

Advanced English II – Summer Reading

Classic Novel: [*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee](#) (*TKM*)

TKM Project Tasks:

- 1.) Join the AE2 Google Classroom for your class period. An invitation will be sent to your school Gmail.
- 2.) Symbolism is a key literary device used throughout the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In order to get a baseline for your current writing skills, your first assignment is to write a five-paragraph essay introducing yourself and explaining what “thing” or three “things” symbolize you. Conclude the essay by explaining what you hope to learn/gain/improve by taking Advanced English II. Is there anything that you feel that you missed or need to review from English I? Please follow MLA format for all assignments, unless other requirements are provided. Specific guidelines for all assignments can be found on our AE2 Google Classroom. (Please note: All assignments for Advanced English II are expected to be completed in order to prepare you as you build your knowledge base to read and complete future tasks. Assignments submitted after their due date will receive ½ credit if submitted the next day, as stated in the CHS Student Handbook. Please contact Mrs. Burkey before the due date if you have extenuating circumstances. I am here to help you.) **Due by Monday, August 3, 2020**
- 3.) Complete the *TKM* WebQuest and submit your answers to our AE2 Google Classroom **by 3:00 PM Monday, August 10, 2020.**
- 4.) Read the classic novel [*To Kill a Mockingbird*](#) by Harper Lee. A series of study guides are provided on our Google Classroom to help guide your reading and improve your understanding of key themes and literary devices employed in the novel. Completion of the study guide is optional; however, you are expected to be familiar with the content when school begins.
- 5.) After you have read the novel, complete the seminar discussion questions. Specific guidelines for the seminar assignment can be found on our AE2 Google Classroom. You will need to incorporate direct quotes from the novel as support for your answers. Please review the MLA Style Guide provided on the AE2 Google Classroom. You will have a quiz over the MLA Style Guide the first week of school. You can also reference the Purdue Online Writing Lab for MLA citation information. Please keep in mind that you will be sharing your seminar responses with your classmates and commenting on other peer responses. Your three typed responses are due **by Monday, August 17, 2020.**

After we finish discussing the novel, we will be reviewing key components for writing a literary analysis essay. Depending on how our school day is organized following the current pandemic guidelines, we will either watch the movie version of *To Kill a Mockingbird* or parts of it in order to compare the book to the movie. Please refrain from watching the movie until this time.

Summer reading is **mandatory** for CHS advanced English courses, and we encourage you to read as much as possible. The summer reading book lists have been given to our public library, and a PDF copy is linked to this handout. If you have questions, you can email Mrs. Burkey (mburkey@cartervilleschools.org) or contact the CHS office during their summer hours.

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Have a great summer & happy reading! ☐ CHS English Department
