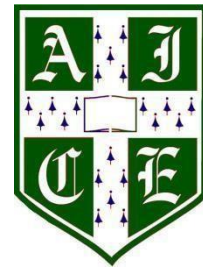


Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School
9th Grade PRE-AICE Cambridge 2024-2025
Summer Reading Assignment



Assignment deadlines: Due the second day of class.
 You must complete this by the deadline. **Late work will not be accepted!**

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated! All work must be your own. Do not make use of Spark Notes, Litcharts, or any other novel guide. Any paper which is plagiarized will receive Zeroes.

Novel: To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Task: Newspaper Article

Directions: You are a reporter for The Maycomb Gazette, the local newspaper.

Write an objective article (do not express opinions; only state facts) about the guilty verdict for Tom Robinson. Provide background on the case, Atticus’ defense of Robinson, the backlash against Atticus’ defense, and the events that occurred in the jail house. After providing the background, also provide quotes from several witnesses.

You should write between 250 – 350 words.

Be sure to type the newspaper. Do not use columns A newspaper article has short paragraphs (about 23 sentences so you should have about 10-12 paragraphs) and follows the following format: 1. Recent event (Who? What? Where? When? How?), 2. Background leading up to event, 3. Quotes from sources, and 4. Future event (what will occur next). Also, newspaper articles do not use 1st person pronouns (I, me, my, we, us) so don’t say “I interviewed Atticus Finch and he said...”. Instead, write “When interviewed, Finch explains, ...”. Feel free to read current newspaper articles as a guide.

You will be graded according to the following Pre-AICE Rubric:

Marks for	CONTENT & STRUCTURE	Marks Earned
13-15	Reveals thorough reading; relevant pts. developed w/ingenuity, understanding, & humor when appropriate; own ideas are well related	
10-12	Some well-developed ideas w/starting pts.; inconsistent sustained arguments	
7-9	Passage used satisfactorily; doesn’t reflect detailed picture; few opportunities taken to develop or interpret	
4-6	Some ref. to text w/brief, straightforward development; lacks originality	
1-3	General answers w/little specific ref.; insubstantial & repetitive details	
0	Rarely relevant; little material	
Marks for	QUALITY OF WRITING	Marks Earned
5	Well-sequenced, clear tone, enhanced & wide range of pers. Langs.	
4	Orderly sequenced sentences, mostly clear info. w/some effective langs.	
3	Some well-sequenced sentences, fairly clear info. w/appropriate lang.	
2	Occasionally well-sequenced sentences, simple lang.	
1	Sentences lack clear pattern; only adequate lang.	