

**George Washington High School – English 9
Summer Reading Selection for 2017 - 2018**

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Dear Future Freshman:

Many new and exciting experiences await you during the coming four years at GWHS. Your developing maturation allows for freedoms unmatched in middle school. Along with an astonishing number of extra-curricular activities, your high school courses will continue the enriching educational opportunities begun in middle school.

GWHS participates in the Summer Reading Program which allows us to quick-start the new school year. The summer reading selection for English 9 is Harper Lee's fascinating book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This is an edited synopsis for the book from scholastic.com:

*Growing up in Alabama during the 1930's, six-year-old Scout Finch leads a fairly charmed life. Her dad, Atticus, is a kind single parent and a well-regarded attorney. Her older brother, Jem, and their lively, offbeat neighbor Dill are her best friends....Most of their time is spent observing...their reclusive neighbor, Boo Radley....A bold exploration of race, oppression, and morality, this book has been a must-read for generations thanks to its warm, witty, and approachable tone.
Adapted from: <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/to-kill-a-mockingbird-by-harper-lee/>*

Copies of the book are available to check out in the GWHS counselors' office.

I look forward to meeting you in August when we begin our journey through the wonders of freshman English.

Ms. McGinley

If you wish to request an alternative reading assignment for your child, please complete the bottom portion of this form and **return it to the school principal by Tuesday, August 8, 2017.**

I request that my child be given an alternate reading assignment to replace the following assignment: _____.

My request is based on the following: _____
_____.

I understand that my child is responsible for completing all parts of the alternative assignment.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____