

SUMMER  
2021



# SUMMER READING 11th Grade: Honors

*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
by Harper Lee

*The Great Gatsby*  
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Up From Slavery*  
by Booker T. Washington

# HAMPTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## HONORS ENGLISH 11

Dear Parents,

As we begin summer vacation, all of us are excited about the well-earned break from the rigors of school. At the same time, however, we recognize that an intensive academic effort by juniors and seniors is a necessity as they prepare for the rapidly approaching college years. In the Honors English 11 program, students will be working to develop advanced literary analysis and writing skills. Honors English students will also be preparing for the early college English 101 class, which will enable them to earn college credits during the second semester of 11th grade. This will prepare students for additional early college courses during 12th grade (English 113 and English 291).

With these goals in mind, HCA requires all rising juniors to complete a summer reading program that corresponds with their respective course objectives. **Honors English 11 students are required to read a minimum of three books** during the summer break: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Up From Slavery*. See attached instructions for more information.

The success of any program is the direct result of parental support and involvement. We encourage you to look over the requirements, visit the public library, and help your student get started on summer reading by June. We realize this program requires extra effort from both you and your student. It is just such effort that will reap academic benefits in the life of your student. We look forward to the continued partnering with you in this effort to help your student reach his or her God-given potential.

Sincerely,

*Meredith C. Cowley*

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Director of Guidance

# Novel #1: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

**Assignment: Write an in-depth paragraph for each of the following:**

- ★ **Author:** Write an in-depth paragraph about the author Harper Lee. Include her birth date, place of birth, and major life events. What was significant about the historical period in which she lived? Explain. (Cite your source in MLA format).
- ★ **Summary:** Write an in-depth paragraph summarizing the plot of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. (Write this in your own words - do not use information from other sources).
- ★ **Critical Analysis:** *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece of American literature. Write an in-depth paragraph analyzing and evaluating the novel as a whole. Support your analysis with specific details from the book. (Use MLA format in citing the book). Incorporate answers to the following in your paragraph:
  - \* Explain the book's title, relating it to specific characters.
  - \* What is a central theme of the novel? How does the book's title relate to that theme?
  - \* Relate this to a Biblical principle (include Biblical references).

★ **Works Cited Page:**

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# Novel #2: *The Great Gatsby*

## **Assignment - Write the following in-depth paragraphs:**

- ★ **Author Analysis:** Write an in-depth paragraph about the author F. Scott Fitzgerald. Include his birth date, place of birth, and major life events. What was significant about the historical period in which he lived? Explain. (Cite your source in MLA format).
  - ★ **Character Analysis:** Write a character analysis of one of the main characters in the novel. Describe the character's personality as reflected in his/her actions.
  - ★ **Significant Events:** Identify and explain at least three events in which, because of a character's jealousy, greed, anger, or other dark emotion, a tragic or calamitous event occurred. What could have been the alternative if those involved had, instead, exercised kindness, understanding, or charity? Relate this to a Biblical principle (include Biblical references).
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## **Assignment #3: *Up From Slavery***

### **Assignment:**

Read Booker T. Washington's autobiography *Up From Slavery*. Take detailed notes on each chapter, focusing on characters, plot, settings, and themes. (Label each chapter) Be sure to include page numbers for your notes! We will be using these notes for chapter quizzes and a research paper during the fall semester.