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Dear Pre-AP English II Student:

Summer reading is an important part of the curriculum at Gloucester City High School. Your reading book has been carefully selected by the staff, who has chosen the texts for both their appropriateness in terms of reading level and their value as literary classics with which high school students should have some familiarity.

You have been assigned *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee as your summer reading text. The reading must be completed by the first day of school. Please be sure to read the novel carefully and be prepared to discuss it in class when school begins.

As you read, pay attention to character development, setting, plot, symbolism, and figures of speech. You will be assigned a literary analysis task upon your return to school in September.

We also encourage you to read as much for fun as you possibly can. Reading books, magazines, and newspapers over the summer will help you learn new things and keep your reading skills sharp, which will help you in all of your classes next year.

Have a wonderful vacation. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

The Members of the English Department