



EVANGEL CLASSICAL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

SOLI DEO GLORIA

**Rising 12<sup>th</sup> Graders** should read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* (ISBN 9780446310789) and Charles Colson's and Nancy Pearcey's *How Now Shall We Live?* (ISBN 9780842355889)

1. For *To Kill a Mockingbird*, you should write a four to five paragraph essay to be turned in on the first day of school, **Wednesday, August 10**. While all essays are graded for literature class, one essay will be selected as a school winner and will proceed to the annual *To Kill a Mockingbird* Essay Contest, sponsored by the College of Communications and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama. Here is the writing prompt:

**The year 2010 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year since the publication of Nelle Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and an even longer time from the era that novel presents. Since then, this country has advanced technologically, legally, and socially, but Lee's book remains the iconic work of American fiction. What is it in *To Kill a Mockingbird* which still speaks powerfully to us today?**

**The essay should be typed, double-spaced, and 3 pages (600-750 words) in length and should include a minimum of one quoted passage from the novel as support. At the bottom of the last page of your paper you should have the following signed and dated statement:**

"I have read all that was required for this assignment and all written work is my own."

**Also include a Works Cited page that provides a correct MLA bibliographic entry of the novel.**

2. For *How Now Shall We Live?* you should come back to school with a correctly formatted MLA annotation of the work. Following the works cited entry should be a two-paragraph annotation, the first being a summary of the work, and the second being your response to it—stating whether you agree or disagree with the work, what sections/passages are helpful to you as pursue your thesis topic, etc. This annotation will also be due on **Wednesday, August 10**. In addition, you will be required to quote at least once from this work in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of your thesis in September, so be on the lookout for passages that will work well (in any section).

Remember that the grades associated with summer reading can be really helpful in getting your literature, rhetoric, and Bible grades off to a great start if you take advantage of them. If you have any questions about the summer reading, you can call the school at 216-0149 during our regular summer office hours.

Mr. Adams, Dr. Kautz, and Mrs. Mitchell

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