

## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

English II

### To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Information **MUST** be put on **5 x 8 index cards in blue or black ink.**

**Title Card**--Center the title and underline the title. Put your first and last names under the title on the next line. Then put your class (English II) and class period under your name. Under your class information, put the date.

**Author** -- 15 points--Include information about the author. You will need to include the author's date of birth and the date of death, if applicable, as well as the place of birth and information about the author's childhood and family, his education, his other works, information about any awards he has received, his reasons for writing this book—anything that is important about the book.

**Literary Period/Country**-- 5 points--Include the literary period in which the book should be placed as well as the country to which it belongs. Also, include the year the book was published.

**Setting**--5 points--You will need to include the **place** setting, giving as much information as you can, as well as the **time** setting. Be specific. **Write in present tense in sentence form.**

**Characters**—25 points—List all characters--major and minor. Identify each character in a complete sentence. **Write the identification in the present tense.** (Do **not** use one card per character. Just begin listing and skip line between each character).

**Theme**—15 points--You will need to identify at least **three (3)** themes found in the book. Explain each theme fully, and give examples of each theme. **Write information in present tense.**

**Plot Summary**—25 points—You will need **five (5) to six (6) cards** for the **plot summary**. Do not try to retell the entire book—just summarize. **Do not use Cliff Notes or Spark Notes or any other notes found on the computer. Do not copy from a friend.** If you do any of these, you will fail the assignment. **Write in the present tense.**

**Literary Devices**--10 points--You will find at least **five (5) examples of literary devices** in the book. You will need to write the name of the literary device, write the definition, and give the exact example found in the book, along with the chapter and the page number on which the literary device is found. (Examples of literary devices are symbolism, allusion, irony, personification, simile, metaphor, etc.). **Use present tense unless you are quoting exact words that are not in present tense.** Be sure to put quoted material in quotation marks. Observe rules for punctuation marks with quoted material. For example, place periods and commas inside quotation marks. You may use each literary device only once. Find five different literary devices.