

# **Summer Reading 2023**

## **Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors**

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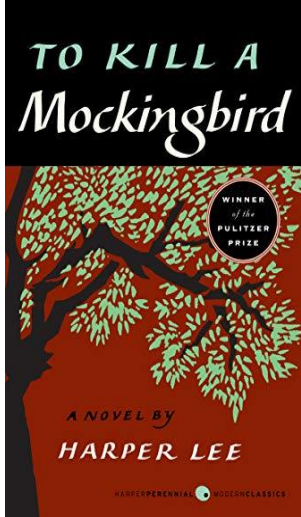
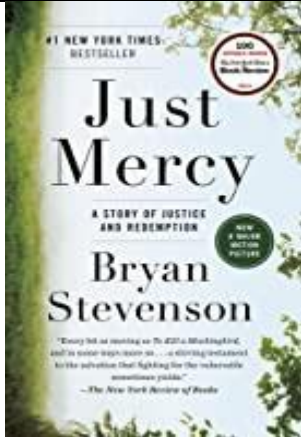
The purpose of summer reading at York Catholic is two-fold. One, we want to encourage reading outside of the classroom. We have chosen texts we believe will be appealing to students. Two, we want to challenge students to read texts outside of their usual teen/YA options.

The texts for the incoming 10<sup>th</sup> grade honors students frame the theme for the school year. Students should read both texts listed. The summer assignments are listed on Google Classroom (fz26nmc) and will be due on the first day of school, August 29. Additionally, during the first full week of school, teachers will use these texts as the basis of an in-class assessment.

Enjoy the summer!

Mrs. Kathy Hand  
Director of Studies

Read both of the following books during the summer. When you return to school in August, these books will be the topics of your first writings.

Genre	Title/Author	Summary
<b>Classics</b>  <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>  <b>Harper Lee</b>		<p>One of the most cherished stories of all time, <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.</p>
<b>Nonfiction/Memoir</b>  <i>Just Mercy</i>  <b>Bryan Stevenson</b>		<p>Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.</p>