

9th Grade Novel Project



You can choose to read either "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, or "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. You can use or purchase your own copy or check one out from the book room. An electronic copy of "Huckleberry Finn" can be found at <https://contentserver.adobe.com/store/books/HuckFinn.pdf>

Please note

The grades for this project are recorded in *Edgenuity*, you WILL NOT be allowed to take the test associated with the different sections of this project until you have completed and turned them in. The ONLY exceptions will be those completing alternate assignments for Support Lab. YOU MUST DO THIS PROJECT. You will NOT be allowed to opt out.

Directions: (It is expected that *ALL* directions, including formatting, are followed)

- Fill out book choice and vocabulary sheet, due no later than September 1st. *A parent must sign this sheet.* (You may use the back of the choice sheet for your vocabulary words. *They must be hand written*.)
- In a word document answer short answer questions in a sentence or two, although some may need more. Short answers are due no later than October 14th. (Use Times New Roman and a 12 point font. Head your word document with name, date, and assignment like this:

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This document may be single spaced.)

- In another word document formatted like the short answers, but double-spaced, answer the short essay questions. These are due no later than November 4th.
- Complete two items from the projects list. These are due no later than December 2nd.

Grading: This project is worth ten percent of your overall grade.

9th Grade Novel Project Vocabulary

Define the word and then use it in a sentence.

Huckleberry Finn:

Commence
Victuals
Providence
Temperance
Nabob
Delirium Tremens
Quicksilver
Contrived
Gaudy
Rapsallions

To Kill a Mockingbird:

Assuaged
Apothecary
Strictures
Entailment
Dictum
Repertoire
Vapid
Erratic
Iniquities
Auspicious

Reading comprehension questions for *White Fang*:

1. What does Tom Sawyer's gang insist they have to do to be revered as robbers?
2. Why does Huck think that prayer doesn't work?
3. Why does Huck leave his money with Judge Thatcher?
4. Describe the boat where Huck and Jim encounter the robbers?
5. Which point of view is this book written in?
6. What kind of father was Pap?
7. How does Huck escape from his father?
8. Where do Huck and Jim find shelter on the island?
9. Who are the two men Huck and Jim travel with on the raft?
10. Where does Huck hide the gold that he steals from the King and the Duke at the Wilks' home?

Reading Comprehension questions for *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

1. Describe the following characters: Scout, Jem, Dill, Atticus, Calpurnia.
2. According to Miss Maudine, Atticus is "the same in his house as he is on the public streets." What does this mean?
3. When Atticus asks Scout about the blanket around her shoulders after the fire, what does Jem realize? Explain what Atticus means by telling Jem not to let his realization "inspire" him to "further glory"?
4. How well does Atticus feel he should defend Tom Robinson? Is it usual for a (white) lawyer to do their best for black clients in Alabama at this time?

5. Jem and Scout have different views about telling people at school how well Atticus can shoot. Explain this difference. Which view is closer to your own?
6. Atticus says that Mrs. Dubose is a model of real courage rather than "A man with a gun in his hand." What does he mean? Do you think he is right?
7. How well does Mr. Gilmer prove Tom's guilt in the eyes of the reader and in the eyes of the jury? Can you suggest why these may be different?
8. This story is set in the 1930s but was published in 1960. Have attitudes toward racism remained the same or have there been any changes (for better or worse) since then, in your view? Support your answer with examples. (Discuss this topic with a grandparent or other adult who can give personal insight.)
9. Do you think the sheriff's explanation or Atticus' explanation is more likely to be true concerning what happened to Jem and Scout on Halloween night?
10. What is the significance of the title *To Kill a Mockingbird*? What does it mean?

Short Essay Questions

Choose one of the following questions and answer in a 300-500 word essay for *White Fang*.

1. How are Huck and Jim alike, and how are they different? What do you think accounts for this?
2. Do you relate more to Huck or to Jim, and why?

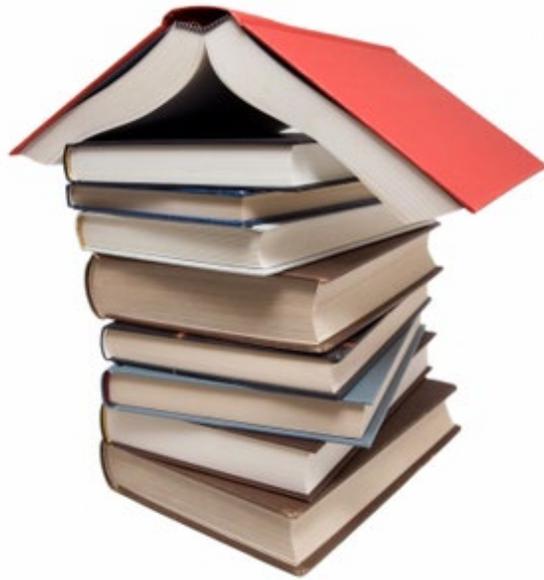
Choose one of the following questions and answer in a 300-500 word essay for *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

1. Analyze the relationship between Boo Radley and the children. How does this relationship change throughout the book? What are the causes of the developments in this relationship?
2. Discuss the concept of family and Lee's presentation of the American family. What does it consist of?

Projects List Complete 2 items

1. Create a visual time line of the events in the story. Draw the time line and add the events using short blurbs and pictures. You must have at least 20 events from the novel.
2. Summarize the plot of the novel by creating a cartoon version of the novel. Use at least 10 frames to tell the story of the novel. Use color and words.

3. Write a letter to the author from the point of view of one of the characters. As this character tell the author how you feel about what happened in this story.
4. Write a letter to one of the main characters. Write a letter from the main character to you in answer to your letter.
5. Create a book jacket, including illustrations, an enticing synopsis, author bio, and favorable reviews
6. Chose two characters from the story and write a conversation they might have.
7. Discuss one particular episode in the story that you remember most. Describe why you think it remains so clear to you.
8. Describe in detail three characters from the story. List reasons why you would or wouldn't want to get to know these people
9. Write ten chat room-style questions that could be used to start an online discussion about the book. Or, write ten questions that test other students' understanding of the story. Make sure you provide a list of answers.
10. Write a news article about an important event from the book.



Name: _____

9th Grade Book Choice

I choose to read:

_____ "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

_____ "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

I understand that this is 10 percent of my grade for the semester and that failure to do this project will reflect in that grade.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____