Dear Parent/Guardian:

Beginning this school year, all students at Ninety Six High School will be required to read two novels over the summer. When deciding upon the titles for the summer reading, the goal was to provide a reading experience that would be challenging, interesting, and relevant to students. Summer reading helps students maintain and improve their reading skills, which are important to student success in high school, as well as exposing them to new ideas to give them a broader view of the world around them. Students will have a graded assignment for each novel as decided by the English Department. The first assignment is due when students return to school on July 24, 2025 and the second assignment is due September 3, 2025. Both novels will also be discussed in class as part of the English curriculum.

To keep you informed, the books do have some mature content and/or language. These books have been read by multiple people in the school; we all believe they are appropriate for our students to read independently and know that students will enjoy them. As is with the case of any summer reading book, we encourage parents to read the books along with their child as reading together always brings forth good discussion topics to help the student navigate through the material.

The good news for parents and students is that the school is willing to help order the books for summer reading. While most of the books cost anywhere from $6 to $15 online, the school is willing to order the books for students who pay ***$5 to the school by May 16***. This is a hard deadline as we want to make sure that the books arrive to the school before the end of the school year. Money can be paid to the front office, and we will make sure the books are ordered. If students and/or parents choose not to order the books through the school and pay by May 16, they will be responsible for finding and securing the books on their own, and the reading and assignments will still have to be completed by the due dates.

Thank you for helping to ensure your child's success in their English class next year by supporting our summer reading program. The books chosen for English I CP students to read this summer are:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
AND
Fable by Adrienne Young

Again, if you would like to order these novels through the school, bring $10 to the front office by May 16, and we will return the novels to you by the last day of school. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (864)543-2911 or email me at fsprowl@greenwood52.org

Sincerely,

Fitz Sprowl, Principal

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