For 10th Grade American Literature

The following works will be studied during 10th grade:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
American Poetry

Summer Reading: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Required Edition – Harper Perennial Modern Classics
ISBN#: 9780060935467

For this novel you must read the work and be able to present clear notes. Notes may be formatted using Cornell Notes, colored coding, or any other organization that is useable for you. You will be asked to present these notes to your instructor during the first week of school.

Your notes should cover three main areas to represent your reading of the entire novel:

- Key points in chapters,
- analysis of Lee’s use of style and language, and
- your own reader reaction/reflection to the novel.

The expectation is that this summer work is an introduction to a work that you will need to reread and revisit throughout the year as To Kill A Mockingbird is studied as a work of literature in the 10th Grade American Literature class. Although you are not required to have any product of research to turn in for evaluation, you should do some research to acquire political, cultural, historical information and background of the author.

You are welcome to preview, read, and study all of the works listed to help you prepare for the upcoming year. These are not the only texts we will be studying, but they are the lengthiest. In an effort to help you prepare and organize your time, use your summer time to rest, relax, and enjoy a great book or two.

Have a safe and happy summer!