Summer Reading
Berks Catholic High School
9th Grade Honors - Introduction to Literature

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All 9th Honors students should read all 3 books and complete the following assignment:

Speak By: Laurie Halse Anderson

The Diary of a Young Girl By: Anne Frank

All students are required to read *The Diary of a Young Girl* in its original diary form. Prior exposure to the text, play adaption, and/or movie does not fulfill this requirement. Students are expected to read the complete diary and will be assessed on the original text.

To Kill a Mockingbird By: Harper Lee

Disclaimer: To Kill a Mockingbird depicts the upsetting yet accurate portrayal of racial injustices in history. There is some strong language that carries much hatred, violence, and ignorance to it. That language has no place in our community, school, and my classroom; furthermore, those words should not be repeated. Please do not take personal offense when reading this story, as it is not meant to target anyone. This will be addressed further during the first week of school.

Assignment:

After reading all three books, write a 1- 1 ½ page paper (double-spaced) explaining what the books were about, mainly focusing on how they are similar. Despite the difference in settings/ time periods, think deeply about how some of the characters are alike, what he/she went through, how people may have perceived and treated the characters, along with analyzing the themes of the books/ what the reader can gain from having read these stories. There is no "correct" number of paragraphs needed in your paper. You should, however, have an introduction paragraph and conclusion paragraph, including body paragraphs in between. Remember, a complete paragraph should be at least 6 sentences long. Try your best to include 1 quote per story to provide evidence/ to support your perspective. Be sure to include which book the quote came from, along with the page number the quote is on.

Please be prepared to turn in this essay, discuss, and take a quiz on all 3 books during the first week of school.