



2009 Mandatory Summer Reading for 10th graders Albert Einstein High School's English Department

All students must read the short story **"The Stone Boy"** (<http://media.ehs.uen.org/node/655>), a story about accidental murder and its consequences. Students must also read **attorney Atticus Finch's closing argument** (<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/MovieSpeeches/moviespechtokillamockingbird.html>) at the trial of Tom Robinson, a black man unjustly accused in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Justice is a common theme in both works. As you read, consider the following quotes:

"The average man's judgment is so poor he runs a risk every time he uses it."

-Ed Howe

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

-Mother Theresa of Calcutta

After reading the story and excerpt, students must complete the Cornell Note Assignment explained below. This assignment is **due on the 2nd day** of school. Additionally, there will be a writing assignment completed in class during the first week of school. The assignments will count for up to 5 % of students' first quarter grade.

ASSIGNMENT TO COMPLETE OVER THE SUMMER:

Take **at least 8 Cornell Notes** (total) on the two works. On the left side find quotes that reveal accusation and judgment. For example, your quote may include a character forming an opinion about another character(s). On the right side write your reaction to the quote. Do not paraphrase the quote, but instead provide insight as to what possible consequences could result from this judgment. Be sure that the right side consists of analysis and not summary!

Sample Cornell Notes

Character	Quote that Reveals a Character's Accusation or Judgment	Reaction/Consequences of that Judgment
The father	"But his father's eyes were fixed upon him curiously...It seemed off now that he had not run back to the house and wakened his father, but he could not remember why he had not. They were all waiting for him to answer" (7).	Reaction: Arnold's father is questioning why Arnold did not immediately return to inform the others of the incident. The "curious" stare indicates the father is judging his son by determining that his reaction is not a normal one. The father needs to try to understand that people react differently when placed in difficult situations. The father risks alienating himself from his son.

****During the first week of school you will turn the Cornell Notes in to your teacher for a grade, discuss the story and speech as a class, and complete an in-class writing assignment using your notes.**

****If you cannot access the short story and speech online, copies are available at Einstein in the main office.**