

# Academic Challenge English

## Level 1

### Summer Reading 2009

Incoming Level I English students are required to read three books during the summer.

1. Harper Lee - To Kill a Mockingbird
2. Lois Lowry - The Giver
3. Select only one of the books below:



- John Steinbeck - The Pearl
- Robert A. Heinlein - Tunnel in the Sky
- William Golding - Lord of the Flies

For each of the books you read, write brief notes which focus on important information about the plot, characters, setting, and theme(s). One to two pages of notes per book should be adequate. **Do not write a step-by-step summary of the book - major highlights only.**

After reading each book, take time to consider the theme(s) found in the book. Some books may have more than just one theme. Remember, themes are overall important ideas or messages--usually about life, society, or human nature--that the author is trying to communicate to the reader. Jot down a few notes about the theme(s) in each book.

An objective quiz and a short in-class writing assignment will be given on all three books during the first class session.

NOTE: We suggest that you read summaries and reviews of the books on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) before selecting your third book. Some copies of these books are available at your local libraries. Inexpensive used copies can be purchased on [www.half.com](http://www.half.com) as well as on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

We hope you enjoy reading these books, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

*\*A list of the summer reading can also be found on the ACP website:  
<http://www.dtcc.edu/owens/academicchallenge>*

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