

McKinley Technology High School
Summer Reading Assignment- English IV 2026- 2027 SY

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- (1) Conduct an initial reading of *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison to prepare for our diagnostic writing assessment in September and our full unit on the novel beginning in October. You may purchase a copy of the text [here](#) or access a digital version [here](#).
- (2) The novel is divided into four sections. Download [this template](#) and use it to create annotations for each section (Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer). Refer to the prologue annotations as an exemplar. You can view the annotation rubric [here](#).

Your reading and annotation template should be completed by the first day of school.

Note: The purpose of this initial reading is not to understand every aspect of this novel, but rather to practice close annotation and get familiar with Morrison's language and characters. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Comey (Wilson.Comey@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Wallace (Linda.Wallace@k12.dc.gov).