

THEY CALL IT

THE MATTHEW EFFECT

The rich get richer:

Good readers read more and learn more.

The poor get poorer:

Poor readers read less and learn less.

To Kill a Mockingbird is required reading in middle schools in the U.S. But it creates challenges for poor readers.



The book has

99, 121

words

**TIME TO FINISH
THE BOOK**

An average reader would need

11 HOURS

A slow reader (lowest 10%)
would need

17 HOURS!

The average 8th grader
reads about

**150 WORDS PER
MINUTE**



**That's 6 extra hours of
reading!**



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