

Sample Book Report on To kill a Mockingbird

The setting of Scout's story takes place in the golden age, which was a time when girls could play outside with no rules or supervision. This is also known as an idyllic period. The main character, Scout Finch, shows her innocence through her curious thoughts and actions. Her brother Jem is another important character who suffers from guilt throughout the novel because he believes he killed Tom Robinson. Atticus Finch is the third major character that plays a huge role in Scout's life. He attempts to give his children what many didn't have at that time; an education, equality for all people regardless of race, and moral values.

Lee uses the character, Dill, as a narrator to tell Scout's story. He brings humor and imagination to the novel as he creates his own stories about Boo Radley. Meanwhile, Atticus Finch is shown as a leader because of his noble actions and selfless sacrifices for others.

The setting in To Kill a Mockingbird takes place in Maycomb County which consists of farms and dirt roads. Although there are no descriptions of buildings or surroundings, Lee does give enough detail about the time and environment to make it feel like you're right there with Jem, Scout and Dill. The courtroom scene provides insight on how people dressed during this time period; men wore suits while women were dressed up like it Sunday morning. There's also a brief mention of a drug store and a jail house. The story takes place during the Great Depression, which offers many struggles for Scout's family.

As far as Scout's character goes, she tends to exaggerate at times such as when she says that her father wipes his feet before he comes into their home. However, this exaggeration is also used as a literary device because it makes readers wonder what will happen next in the novel. It's also

used to show how little kids think about things until they give themselves time to actually process it and interpret what they saw or heard.

The climax in *To Kill A Mockingbird* occurs after the trial when Jem and Scout see Mr. Cunningham and his son,, walk past their house with their heads down. This is considered to be the highest point in action of the story because it shows how Atticus had an affect on other people's lives beyond just Scout, Jem and their family.

One of the most important symbols in *To Kill A Mockingbird* is that of Boo Radley; he's shown as a ghost-like figure that everyone fears. Lee uses this symbol to show how society often looks past certain people even when they're in need or when they're suffering from hardships like not having enough food for your family.

Thematic Symbols

- The theme in *To Kill A Mockingbird* takes place during the Great Depression which was an extremely difficult time period for many who couldn't find jobs or had no money. This theme is represented in the novel when Atticus tells Scout, "Mockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy. They don't eat up people's gardens, don't nest in corncribs, they don't do one thing but sing their hearts out for us." (Lee)
- Another important thematic symbol is that of Tom Robinson; he was a black man accused of raping a white woman and about to be found guilty until Atticus stepped up as his defense attorney. Although he didn't win the case, Lee uses this character as a way to show how justice doesn't always prevail even though there are good people around who try to help others get through difficult times.

The resolution in *To Kill A Mockingbird* is that of Scout's guilt over Tom Robinson's death and Atticus comforting her by telling her, "Jem Finch! You never make a bad shot... You-you couldn't shoot a mockingbird." (Lee)

This expected ending shows how she had more courage than she realized because at the beginning of the novel, she was hesitant to talk about Tom Robinson or Boo Radley but eventually became less afraid and began defending people who were different until it cost them their lives.

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