

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Gale In Context: Literature

Directions: *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a classic American novel written by author Harper Lee. Taking place in the segregated South in the 1930s and published during the civil rights era, this first-time novelist created a world where imagination and hard reality combine in the curiosity of a child. Access *Gale In Context: Literature* to answer the following questions about *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

From the **Eras** portion of the home page, click **Realism**. Click to open the **To Kill a Mockingbird Topic Page**. Write your answer and cite the source for each answer.

1

Harper Lee was said to have based much of the book off her upbringing in rural Alabama. Click **Biography** and open the biography “Harper Lee” published by Gale in 2023. What two key elements served as historical influences in her novel? How are these two elements demonstrated throughout the novel?

Answer:

Source:

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To Kill a Mockingbird was written at the peak of the Civil Rights movement. Access the **Reference** section of the **To Kill a Mockingbird Topic Page** to further explore the Historical Context of the novel. How is the case against Tom Robinson like that of the case against Emmett Till?

Answer:

Source:

3

A **motif** is a dominant idea in a piece of literature. In the **Literature Criticism**, “Discovering Theme and Structure in the Novel” the author lays out several motifs present in the novel that are often overshadowed by the overarching theme of racial prejudice. Choose one of the 5 motifs mentioned and give your own example of how this motif is portrayed in the novel.

Answer:

Source:

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Each of the characters in the novel is powerful in their own way. Whether it is power in their profession, power over others, or the power of manipulation. Using the infographic, the full overview of the text, and your knowledge from reading the novel, which character do you feel holds the most power? What are some examples of their power shown throughout the novel?

Answer:

Source:

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Answer: The racial segregation of the Jim Crow era and the economic devastation of the Great Depression. Explanations will vary.

Source: "Harper Lee." *Gale In Context: Literature*, Gale, 2023. *Gale In Context: Literature*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CDUBJL125750703/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=289d2c4a. Accessed 20 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Answers will vary, but should mentioned the similarities between their accused actions, their legal representation, and the selected jury.

Source: "Historical Context: To Kill a Mockingbird." *EXPLORING Novels*, Gale, 2003. *Gale InContext:Literature*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/EJ2111500100/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=6789f1b9. Accessed 20 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Explanations will vary, but students should choose between the 5 motifs of: Jem's physiological and psychological growth, the "caste system" in Maycomb, mockingbirds, education, and superstition.

Source: Schuster, Edgar J. "Discovering Theme and Structure in the Novel." *DISCovering Authors*, Gale, 2003. *Gale In Context: Literature*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/EJ2101205252/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=24c9bc6d. Accessed 20 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Answers will vary.

Source: "To Kill a Mockingbird." *Gale In Context: Literature*, Gale, 2023. *Gale In Context: Literature*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/AJVRYU794468028/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=8081ccec. Accessed 20 Sept. 2023.

"To Kill a Mockingbird Character Map." *Gale In Context: Literature*, Gale, 2023. *Gale In Context:Literature*, link.gale.com/apps/doc/GUJJXV827352804/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=35cdf819. Accessed 20 Sept. 2023.