

# Writing Menu 1 Topic= 18 Topics

Topic: To Kill a Mockingbird

<u>Question Words</u>	<u>Key words</u>	<u>Literary Terms</u>
Who What When Where <b>How</b> <b>Why</b>	Novel Harper Lee (white woman 30s, NYC) 1960 Civil Rights Era Setting: 1930's Great Depression, Maycomb Audience- R. 8th graders, students, white folks Often banned	<p><i>Plot: Scout grows up: Boo Radley Tom Robinson's Trial Theme- race relations, systemic racism, gender roles, poverty/ class, education, hierarchy, morals, family abuse</i></p> <p><i>Characterization- Scout, Jem grow, change, learn Atticus-flat- "white savior" Lawyer- upstander, bystander- not going to sacrifice any of OWN privilege to benefit TR Boo- flat Scout's perspective changes= ghost to hero, misunderstood,</i></p> <p><i>Symbol- Mockingbird- harmless innocent attacked by society for no reason- Boo, TR</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Dubose- addiction (racism) Old South, Dying Confederacy,</i></p> <p><i>Atticus shoots the dog= hero, disease= racism</i></p> <p><i>Style- dialect, n-word, 8 year old, sounds like lawyer, smart,</i></p>

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Book- self, book- book/movie book-events

<b>Express &amp; Reflect</b> <b>Means:</b> feel/lessons	What are some of the lessons HL tries to teach through TKAM?
	Do I feel the themes of TKAM connect to modern events?
	How have gender roles changed since the 1930s?
<b>Inform &amp; Explain</b> <b>Means:</b> <i>Tell something about your topic that your reader might not know</i>	The underlying messages of TKAM are.....
	How does this book translate/ compare to modern day race relations?
	What's the role of the mother figures in the book, Calpurnia and Alexandra, how is Scout's motherlessness important.
<b>Evaluate &amp; Judge</b> <b>Means:</b> "Worth" good or bad	Is this an appropriate book for 8th grade curriculum?
	Was Bob Ewell really that bad of a man, or just broken inside?
	Why does Harper Lee use so many stereotypes?
<b>Inquire &amp; Explore</b> <b>Means:</b> Wrestle with a question	What inspired Harper Lee to write TKAM? Could TKAM have been based on real world events?
	Why did Boo save Jem and Scout?
	At the end of the book, was AAlexandra truly sad for TR or just defending her brother?
<b>Analyze &amp; Interpret</b> <b>Means:</b> Why	Why did HL choose 6-8 year old Scout as our (unreliable) narrator? -Jem, Atticus, dozens of characters EXPLAINING, teaching,
	Why is HL's protagonist, Scout, so smart?

<b>Take a Stand &amp; Propose a Solution</b>	8th graders at R should NOT read TKAM, b/c....
	Atticus should have helped Tom Robinson get out of jail, even if it meant sacrificing his own white privilege.
	Is TKAM really the BEST book to reflect the themes we want to address? Are there better options for the modern context?