

To Kill a Mockingbird



Historical Context and Setting Information

Do Now:

- ❧ 1. Write down homework.
 - ❧ 2. Have Vocab Book open for homework check
 - ❧ 3. Go to Google Drive/Website and open Setting pdf in your EE.
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- ❧ 3. On the next page: Write a few sentences describing the image of the following prompt from chapter 1 in To Kill a Mockingbird:

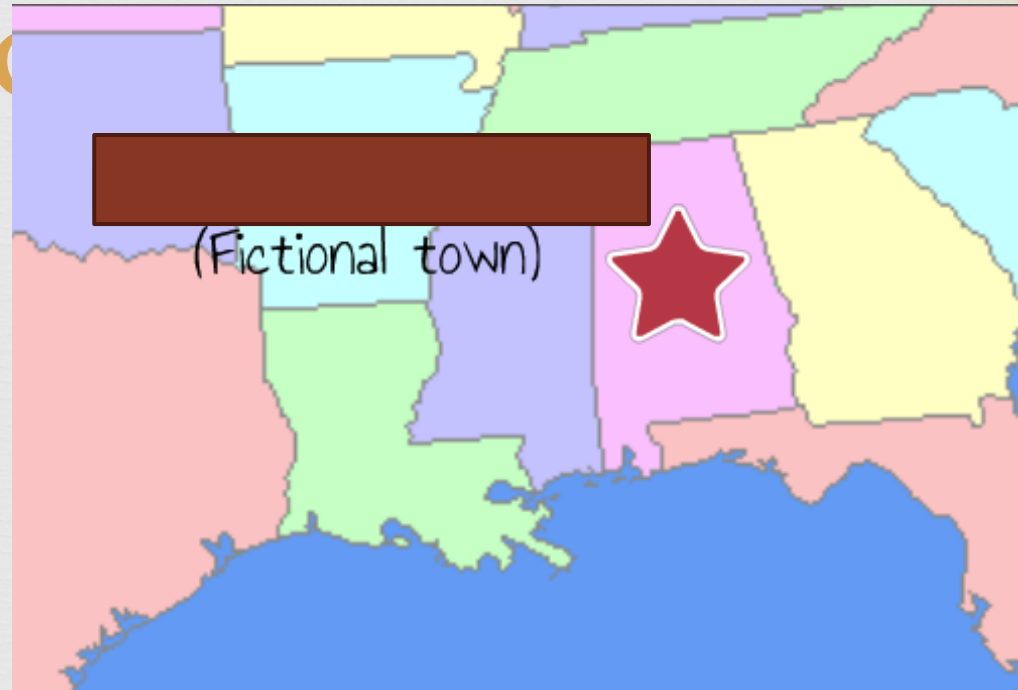
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Story Setting

❧ The book begins
in the fictional town
called _____,
_____.



- ❧ The story starts during the _____.
- ❧ Even though slavery is over, many residents of Maycomb Alabama continue to believe in white supremacy.

Historical Background



✧ In order to understand *To Kill a Mockingbird*, one must learn about the important factors that were prevalent during the time period of the story.



Historical Background



❧ The novel takes place during the Great Depression, which began when the _____ crashed in _____ and lasted until the U.S. entered _____ in _____.



Great Depression



⌘ During the Great Depression, roughly _____ of Americans were unemployed. The average income was only _____, while the average income for farmers was only _____.

⌘ In the story, the citizens of Maycomb suffer due to the Great Depression.

Segregation



⌘ During this time, races in the South were publically segregated by the _____ laws.

The Jim Crow Laws



1828-1964



The culture at the time discouraged any _____ between blacks and whites of opposite sexes. In fact, it was _____.

Examples of Jim Crow Laws in Alabama

☞ Alabama:

- ☞ *Health Care*- no person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed
- ☞ *Transportation*- All passenger stations in this state operated by any motor transportation company shall have separate waiting rooms or space and separate tickets windows for the white and colored races
- ☞ *Public Facilities*-
 - ☞ It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant or other place for the serving of food in the city, at which white and colored people are served in the same room, unless such white and colored persons are effectually separated by a solid partition extending from the floor upward to a distance of seven feet or higher, and unless a separate entrance from the street is provided for each compartment.
 - ☞ It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other at any game of pool or billiards.

Legal System Issues



- ❧ In many southern states, blacks could not serve on a _____.
- ❧ The juries were mainly _____.
- ❧ Famous examples of the injustice: Emmett Till and The Scottsboro Trials.
- ❧ Lynching was used to _____ people outside of the _____.
- ❧ Eventually these injustices started the Civil Rights movement, but at the time of the story we are about to read, it was accepted as the way of life.

Gender Roles



- ❧ In the 1930s women were considered “weak.”
- ❧ Women were generally not _____ outside the home.
- ❧ In _____ communities, women were expected to oversee the _____ and entertain the guests.
- ❧ Men were not considered to be _____.

Wrap-Up



- ❧ The time, place, and historical events help propel the story of our main character Scout Finch and family.
- ❧ The 1930s were an intense time and you will have a chance to see it through the eyes of a growing six year old.

LayAR Activity



- ❧ Before we start to read TKAM, we are going to dive deeper into the major historical events that shaped the novel To Kill a Mockingbird.
- ❧ Around the room, you will see pictures hanging up that have to deal with the issues we discussed today and more.
- ❧ Place your LayAR app over the picture to view the video links, pictures, and more to find out more information.
- ❧ You will take notes on important, new, or interesting facts at each station.
- ❧ This will be collected at the end of the class period.