**MLA Essay**

This essay is intended to make you think about some of the themes and issues that we have been discussing while reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. If you have been paying attention in class, this essay will not be difficult. You will have a choice in which topic you would like to write about. The essay should be no more than 750 words, typed, and double spaced. It will be marked according to the 6 + 1 Traits as well as MLA essay format. Make sure that the ideas you chose to present are well supported. It is expected that you will be able to support your ideas with examples and quotes from *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as well as additional sources.

*Specific Requirements:*

* 750 words
* Typed
* Double spaced
* At least 2 outside sources
  + 1 direct quotation
  + 1 indirect quotation
* At least 1 quotation from *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Chose one of the following topics:

1. Analyze the relationship between Boo Radley and the children. How does this relationship change throughout the book? What are the causes of the developments in this relationship?
2. Although criticized openly, Atticus is respected throughout the town of Maycomb. Why is this true?
3. Trace the theme of the mockingbird throughout the novel and analyze what the bird symbolizes or represents.
4. Trace Boo Radley's development from monster to savior. How does Scout's understanding of Boo develop? What lessons does Boo teach Scout?
5. Scout and Jem mature considerably through the course of the novel. What developmental changes do they go through, and what causes these changes?
6. Discuss law as it is represented in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. What power and limitations exist within the legal system according to Atticus, Jem, and Scout?
7. Compare and contrast the relationship between Jem and Scout with the relationship between Atticus and Aunt Alexandra.
8. Discuss Atticus’s parenting style. What is his relationship to his children like? How does he seek to instill conscience in them?
9. What is Atticus’s relationship to the rest of Maycomb? What is his role in the community?
10. Discuss the author’s descriptions of Maycomb. What is the town’s role in the novel?

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