

To Kill a Mockingbird Webquest



<http://www.lancefuehrer.com/tkam/index.htm>

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BIOGRAFACTS - NELLE HARPER LEE and HER CHARACTERS

In 1926, Nelle Harper Lee was born in _____, and at the age of 18, she attended _____ College, but she then went on to attend the University of _____ to study _____.

Her first job, however, led her to New York where she worked as a _____ for _____.

Harper Lee's father is named _____ and he held two jobs:

1926-1938 _____ and
1929-1947 editor for _____

Her father was the basis for the main character _____ in the story, and it was reported that he was encouraged to sign his name as such when he autographed copies of his daughter's classic novel.

_____, a famous author and childhood friend, is thought to be the inspiration for her character Charles Baker Harris ("Dill").

Her sister, _____, also lent her name to the title character of the novel.

Two other family names from the novel she got from her mother Frances Lee, and those names were _____ and _____.

In 1956, she received one incredible Christmas present from her friends - _____.

What other women besides Harper Lee have won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature _____



HARPER LEE

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper using complete sentences.

THE UNITED STATES AND CIVIL RIGHTS

1. What is the legal significance of the case of Brown vs. the Board of Education?
2. In what year did the Little Rock (Central) High School confrontation take place? Briefly describe the confrontation.
3. The Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955-6 display features what ominous, foreboding quote?
4. Despite the legal breakthroughs made in the preceding situations, the social ramifications of segregation were still evident in what five (5) business situations?
5. What were the two purposes of the Freedom Rides of 1961?
6. At the University of Mississippi, whose application brought protests and riots to the streets? Which US President intervened to quiet the storm?
7. Who is Eugene "Bull" Connor and what actions did he take to contribute to the civil rights issues?
8. Who organized the March on Washington in 1941? Though it didn't occur, what did the threat accomplish?
9. The Freedom Summer of 1964 focused on giving African-Americans in Mississippi what right?
10. The March from Selma to Montgomery combined what four (4) critical aspects?
11. What were the starting and stopping points for the March of Fear in 1964? What was the marcher hoping to accomplish?
12. The Chicago Freedom Movement focused on what three (3) plagues of the plight of Northern cities?
13. In Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, what two phrases are often repeated in the closing three paragraphs?
14. What group went on strike in Memphis in 1968 to reignite violence between the ethnic groups?
15. What is the tragic significance of Rooms 306 and 307 of the Lorraine Motel?

"WHOA, NELLE!" - *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*

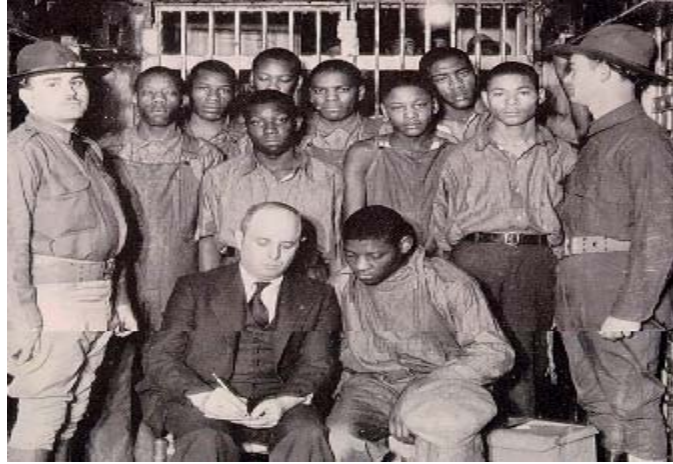
1. In 1961 the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* won which prize?
2. To what esteemed position did President Lyndon Baines Johnson appoint Lee?
3. Lee is only one of 31 women named to which prestigious group?
4. In its first year of publication, how many copies of the novel sold?
5. Who said this about the author:

"Someone rare has written this very fine first novel: a writer with the liveliest sense of life and the warmest, most authentic humor. A touching book; and so funny, so likeable."

6. In how many other countries was the book first published? What were they?
7. Of the seven different dust jackets shown, which do you like the best? Why?
8. How can Harper Lee be compared with Mark Twain, arguably the greatest American author?
9. What are three (3) dominant themes in the novel?
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10. Complete the following famous quote from the novel:

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point-of-view, until you . . ."

Scottsboro Trial Backpack Assignment



“No crime in American history-- let alone a crime that never occurred-- produced as many trials, convictions, reversals, and retrials as did an alleged gang rape of two white girls by nine black teenagers on the Southern Railroad freight run from Chattanooga to Memphis on March 25, 1931.”
-- Douglas O. Linder

The Scottsboro Boys Trials served as a basis for the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Harper Lee was only six when the trials began, and the impact they had on her shines through in her novel. The racist attitudes portrayed by some of the townspeople in the book directly parallel commonly held beliefs during that time period.

Today you will look at different aspects of the Scottsboro Trials, which will provide insight into a part of the culture of the South in the 1930's. PBS has compiled a website devoted to this topic. You will have one day in the lab to begin this assignment and the rest of the research will be completed *on your own time*. When you log on to the page, there will be a group of categories listed. For each category, complete the requirements as listed below, using complete sentences.

History Section:

- Answer question number 1 **or** 3
- Complete questions 2a and 2b

Economics Section:

- Do questions 1a-1c

Geography Section:

- Look at the map associated with question number 1 to become familiar with the location of the alleged crime and trial.

Log on at this time to: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/scottsboro/tguide/index.html>