

Essay Directions --- *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Write a four to six paragraph essay to respond to the following prompt:

Choose a character from *To Kill a Mockingbird* who exemplifies “an individual in society”. Explain how he is an individual and how he relates to society. Also, include how he affects his society and/or how he is affected by it. Use as supporting evidence at least three (3) direct quotations from the book.

Remember to----

- Give the author and title in your first paragraph
- Circle the key words in the prompt and underline those that tell you what to do
- Brainstorm for all relevant information
- Organize information with a graphic organizer
- Develop a thesis statement
- Write a grabber/hook/lead
- Remember transitions between and within paragraphs
- Begin body paragraphs with a topic sentence
- Back up all of your ideas with textual evidence (facts from the book)
- Make a clear connection between your discussion and your thesis
- Cite information using the proper format
Example: “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view –until you climb into his skin and walk around in it” (25).
This is assuming you gave the title and author previously in you essay.
- Provide, in your conclusion, a reworked thesis, a summary of your main points, and a clincher/closing statement

Also, vary sentence structure for type and length, work at good word choice, avoid use of *I, me, you, paragraph, essay, etc.*