READING JOURNAL

Title: To Kill A Mockingbird

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| Date: 9-5-18  Pages:0-66  Role: Research   * Research * Plot * Character * Style | *TYPE YOUR COMMENTS HERE…. ADD IMAGES, MAPS, WHATEVER IS NECESSARY*  *Include page references*  - Brethren= brother  -  Battle of Hastings: fought on 14 October 1066. Between a French and an English army.  - taciturn= quiet  -"If General Jackson hadn't run the Creeks up the creek, Simon Finch would never have paddled up the Alabama…" (Ch.1)  - courteous detachment= politeness to strangers? Atticus isn't the type of father who hovers, micromanages, or interferes with his children. He treats them just has he would anyone else, with manners, yet remaining detached.  -"Atticus practiced economy more than anything" (Chapter 1)  - TKAM published in 1960  - Maycomb County was based off of Monroeville, Alabama-- where Lee grew up. Town was founded in 1815. Was first known as Centreville, but it was renamed for the first white settler James Monroe in 1899.  - “There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County. But it was a time of vague optimism for some of the people: Maycomb County had recently been told that it had nothing to fear but fear itself.” (chapter 1)  - other notable writers that were from this town: Truman Capote, Cynthia Tucker, and Mark Childress.  - Agriculture and timber are an important part of the local economy. The health care industry is now becoming a major contributor as well.  - An estimated 30,000 tourists visit this town annually for its association with TKAM.  - Each May, the Monroe County Heritage Museum stages an amateur play based on the book on the grounds of the courthouse.  - 6,072 people living there as of 2016  - 3,682 people living there during the 60's |
| Date: 14-5-18  Pages: 66-132  Role: Style   * Research * Plot * Character * Style * Question | *What words or phrases make this story come to life? Record quotes and explain relevance.*  "There are no clearly defined seasons in South Alabama; summer drifts into autumn, and autumn is sometimes never followed by winter, but turns to a days old spring that melts into summer again." (pg. 79) Summer plays a big role in Maycomb County, Alabama. It is in the summer that Dill first appears, and that the children begin to play games regarding Boo Radley. Symbolically, Summer is known as a time of maturity and knowledge. With this book, that is true. It is during the summertime that Jean learns lessons about life, liberty, and friendship. |
| Date:15-5-18  Pages: 133-186  Role:   * Research * Plot * Character * Style * Questionner | *1. Why is femininity considered a bad thing by the children at the time?*  Maybe, it is because gender stereotypes have been so ingrained into the children's upbringing, that they aren't able to discern it.  *2. Why is the Finch family seemingly the only one in town that treats Black people with decency?*  Maybe it is because Atticus does not value racial bias the same way as other members of the town. Atticus is teaching his children his beliefs of what right and wrong are.  *3. Why does Calpurnia feel the need to act differently around the Finch family than of people her colour?*  Maybe it is because she feels that she has to "distinguish" herself from other black people. She thinks that she must project the image of "I'm not like the rest, I'm educated" in order to 'fit in.' |
| Date:17-5-18  Pages: 187- 209  Role: Plot   * Research * Plot * Character * Style * Questionner | In this particular part of the book, racial bias in the town is slowly becoming increasingly tense/violent. Jean learns of rape when a stranger said “They c’n go loose and rape up the countryside for all of ‘em who run this county care.” (pg. 187) The man is obviously biased against Atticus for saying yes to defending Tom Robinson.  Jean's friendship with Dill Harris also begins to grow in this part of the book. "Why do you reckon Boo Radley's never run off? Maybe he doesn't have anywhere to run off too..." (pg.192) Jean begins to gain awareness of the fact that not everything is as perfect as it seems in her town. |

***What effect does racism have on a person/culture?***

**Source 1:**

**Title of the news source:** The Province

**Title of the article:** Indigenous Families Without Answers for Many Years

**Author:** Lori Culbert

**Citation (use EasyBib or Citation Machine)**: http://theprovince.com/news/local-news/indigenous-families-without-answers-for-so-many-years-frustrated-by-slow-start-at-federal-inquiry

**Notes (summarized and paraphrased):**

* Since the 60's, many indigenous women have gone missing/ been murdered.
* Their surviving families are frustrated with the government at their slow response to investigating their murders.
* Millions of dollars has been poured into investigations, with no result.
* Anger stems from: The government has already forcefully attempted to eradicate the culture. They have apologized, they have promised to try and repair the damage they done. Why is this taking so long? Did they really mean their apology?
* **This article shows that racial bias can still be found in the courts today, despite obvious assimilation laws being eradicated long ago. Just because First Nations aren't being forcefully assimilated anymore, it doesn't mean that the descendants of those who were don't feel the painful effects.**

**The answer to the question**: Racial bias in the courts can affect the speed in which an investigation/trial/ proceeding takes place.

**Source 2:**

**Source genre:** Music- pop

**Title:** This is America

**Author/director:** Childish Gambino (Donald Glover), Hiro Murai

**Citation**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYOjWnS4cMY

**Notes (summarized and paraphrased):**

* Laden with symbolism about the evolution of racism against black people in America.
* Begins with Gambino shooting a black person in the back of the head, while striking a Jim Crow caricature pose
* In the last few years, racial gun violence against people of color has drastically escalated.
* Philando Castile, Trayvon Martin, Tamir Rice, Stephon Clark, Alton Sterling, Eric Harris, Michael Brown...
* Ending is an allusion to old song sung on plantations, "Run \*\*\*\*\*\* Run" I think...
* Gambino is dancing with schoolchildren whilst violence is escalating around them.
* **This video shows how we don't respond to gun violence effectively enough. We move past it too quickly.**

**The answer to the question**: Humans don't pay enough attention to tragedy that occurs from racial bias, due to technology.