*To Kill a Mockingbird* Introductory Web Quest

Complete all of the questions below by going to the websites indicated.

**Harper Lee**

Website: <https://www.biography.com/people/harper-lee-9377021>

1. When and where was Harper Lee born?
2. What was Lee like as a child?
3. How are her family members described?
4. Who was her childhood best friend? How was he described?
5. What awards did *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Lee receive?
6. Lee's life influenced many of the characters and events in *To Kill A Mockingbird.* Given what have you learned about her life (including personality traits, friends, family, experiences) make a prediction about what kinds of issues might surface in the book. Do you think that your knowledge about Harper Lee will influence your reading of the book? Should it influence your reading of the book? Why or why not?

**The Great Depression**

Website: <https://fdrlibrary.org/great-depression-facts>

1. How high was unemployment at the height of the Great Depression? (To compare, the unemployment level as of October 2017 is 4.1%.)
2. How did FDR attempt to end the Great Depression? Was it effective? What led the US economy back to full employment capacity?
3. How much did wage incomes fall between 1929 and 1933?

**Segregation and Discrimination**

*Jim Crow*

Website: <https://ferris.edu/jimcrow/what.htm>

1. What was Jim Crow?
2. Below, record four of the Jim Crow etiquette norms that you found to be the most shocking.

*Plessy v. Fergusson*

Website: <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1850-1900/163us537>

1. Why was Homer Adolph Plessy arrested?
2. What was the main question of Plessy v. Fergusson?
3. What did the Supreme Court decide?

*Scottsboro Boys*

Website: <http://www.scottsboroboysmuseum.com/?page_id=13>

1. What were the Scottsboro boys accused of?
2. Why were the two women motivated to accuse the Scottsboro boys?
3. Name at least two reasons why the accusations against the Scottsboro boys were clearly false.
4. What happened to the Scottsboro boys eventually?
5. What legal precedents did the Scottsboro boys’ cases set?

*Brown v. Board of Education*

Website: <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1940-1955/347us483>

1. What was the main question of the court case?
2. What was the judges’ ruling?
3. Which case’s precedent did the ruling of *Brown v. Board of Education* overturn?

If you finish early or had trouble finding reasons why the accusations against the Scottsboro boys were clearly false, read through the article below. <https://www.archives.gov/files/publications/prologue/2014/spring/scottsboro.pdf>

This web quest was adapted and augmented from the following:

<https://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/cms/lib/WA01001371/Centricity/ModuleInstance/9431/WebQuest%20Packet.pdf>

<https://sites.google.com/site/tokillamockingbirdwebquest/c-groups>