

TKAM Essay #1: April 13, 2012

This is a timed writing. You have 15 minutes to plan and 30 minutes to write. It is due (printed & proof read) in the box at the end of the period.

Objective: Write about your favorite quote in *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Style: This is a reflective piece and does NOT have to be in the structure of a typical essay, though it does need to have a beginning/middle/end. This is academic writing, so use mature diction and avoid common writing issues. MLA heading & creative title should be used.

Process: Choose a quote. Answer the following questions to help develop your paper.

What is the context? What is it saying about the text? How does it relate to a theme? Are there any literary devices? Do they help support the theme? Does the quote give some insight about a character? The time period? The social status? Can you connect the quote to history, other literature, or culturally significant moments? Why does it matter? Why do I care?

*Avoid personal connections & book review style

Grade: Your grade will be based on the following rubric.

	5 (A)	4 (B)	3 (C)	2 (D)	1 (F)
Overall	Insightful	Thoughtful	Okay/Average	Needs Improvement	Poorly done
Content & Thinking (Thesis & CM)	Brilliant-digs deep into the lit	Good thinking-makes connects	Nothing new-repeat of class discussions	Too much summary, not enough CM	Listing thesis, and/or Weak CM
Organization (B/M/E)	Flows Seamlessly	Flows with some AWK	Flows with several AWK	AWK	Very AWK
Mechanics	Clean	A few errors	Several errors	Many errors	Excessive errors

**Please complete planning notes on the back of this paper.
Staple this to the BACK (as the last page) of your essay.
Turn in to the box @ the bell.**

