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**Humanities**

***To Kill a Mockingbird*: Research Activity**



To culminate our unit on *To Kill a Mockingbird* and to give you the opportunity to apply the wonderful research strategies you learned in library orientation, you will be conducting in-depth research on a topic that we have discussed in relationship to *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This research activity will help you answer some elusive questions: What was life *really* like for Jem and Scout in Maycomb, Alabama during the Great Depression? What historical events may have influenced Harper Lee when she was writing this book?

**How will the research process be conducted for this activity?**

1. You and a partner will be assigned **a topic and an MI** that you will need to prove through your research.
2. You will be given a **research notes** worksheet that you will complete as you conduct your research. You will be working on this both in the library and at home. Each **research notes** sheet contains specific questions pertaining to your topic that you have to answer by consulting a variety of sources: books, database articles, credible websites, etc. **Each person has to develop and submit his or her own individual notes.** In a way, this is like a scavenger hunt.
3. You will create an **outline** of a research paper that supports your assigned MI and presents the findings of your research. **Each person has to develop and submit his or her own typed outline.**
4. You will use the outline to compose a two-page **research paper** that supports your MI and presents the findings of your research in a clear, cohesive, and well-organized manner. A Works Cited page will accompany your research paper. **Each person has to develop and submit his or her own typed research paper.**

You will be provided with plenty of structure and support for this project along the way! The breakdown of the assignment is as follows:

**Research Notes Sheet:** 50 points

**Research Paper Outline:** 50 points

**Research Paper Final Draft:** 100 points

**Topics**

Topic #1: Life for African Americans in the South Following the Civil War

Topic #2: America and the World in the 1930s: The Economy During the Time Period of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Topic #3: The Rise of African American Culture after the Civil War

Topic #4: Beyond the Book: The Culture of To *Kill a Mockingbird*