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English 9

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### **Prejudice in *To Kill a Mockingbird***

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Prompt: In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, there are many examples of prejudice. In the novel, Harper Lee shows the terrible effects that prejudice has on people, including the main characters.

In a well-developed 5 paragraph essay, provide evidence to support this statement. Remember to include specific details and examples in the form of quotations (cited in MLA format) from the novel in your essay.

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Today, as a class, we will come up with a thesis. Tomorrow, you will get an outline. The body paragraphs will already be filled out. Your responsibility will be to write the introduction and the conclusions and then formulate the information into a coherent essay in MLA format. As you write, remember your essay will be scored based on how well you:

- Construct your introduction: your hook and your transition from hook to thesis statement.
- Construct your conclusion: restating the thesis in new words, relating back to your hook, and explaining why this topic is important.
- Blend your quotations from the text and cite them properly in MLA format.
- use well-structured sentences and language that are appropriate for your audience.
- Edit your work to conform to the conventions of standard American English.

#### **Examples of quotations in MLA format:**

- Lee uses Atticus's words of wisdom, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it," to teach his children compassion (Lee 35).
- Atticus shows great understanding and empathy when he shares his reasoning: "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it" (Lee 35).
- Lee reveals the depth of Atticus's character: "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it" (Lee 35).

**\*Don't forget to explain how each quote relates back to your topic sentence/thesis statement.**

**Class Thesis:**

## Rubric

Includes relevant hook:	____/5
Includes a transition from hook to thesis:	____/5
Thesis statement is the last sentence in introduction	____/3
Body Paragraph 1 - Quote is blended properly	____/2
Body Paragraph 1 - Quote is cited properly	____/2
Body Paragraph 2 - Quote is blended properly	____/2
Body Paragraph 2 - Quote is cited properly	____/2
Body Paragraph 3 - Quote is blended properly	____/2
Body Paragraph 3 - Quote is cited properly	____/2
Conclusion restates thesis in new words	____/5
Conclusion relates back to the hook	____/5
Conclusion makes a statement about a bigger issue	____/5
Works Cited entry is correct	____/5
Conventions	____/5

Total: \_\_\_\_/50