

To Kill a Mockingbird: Anticipation Guide**Pre/Post-Reading Survey****Directions:** Come up with a number that best reflects your views."1" - *strongly agree*, "2" - *agree somewhat*, "3" - *disagree somewhat*, "4" - *strongly disagree*.

BEFORE		AFTER
1 2 3 4	1. The U.S. court system upholds the statement, "all men are created equal."	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	2. If you are innocent, you have no need to fear the judicial system.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	3. Adults understand things more accurately than children do.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	4. If you know you are going to fail at something, it's pointless to even try.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	5. "Acting like a girl" is a bad thing.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	6. Nobody is completely bad or completely good.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	7. Bread with little pieces of pork fat baked into it is disgusting, and nobody should eat it.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	8. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	9. The way a person speaks reveals a great deal about that person.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	10. After the Civil War, African Americans were treated the same as any other citizens of the United States.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	11. If you kill another person, you should always be punished.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	12. It's wrong to hate anyone.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	13. Grown men should not pee off of their front porch, even if it's dark out.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	14. It's wrong to hurt an animal.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	15. All people are generally good.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	16. Children should not be allowed to read about, watch, or listen to news reports or court cases that involve rape.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	17. If you let your kids play with guns, you're a bad parent.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	18. It's okay to be different.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	19. Some words are so offensive that they should never be stated or written.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	20. Speaking standard grammar proves that a person is smart.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	21. A hero is born, not made.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	22. No one is above the law.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	23. Education is the great equalizer.	1 2 3 4
1 2 3 4	24. When the law does not succeed in punishing criminals, citizens should do so.	1 2 3 4

Pre-Reading Response

Directions: Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to answer all parts of each question.

1. The setting of the novel we are about to read is extraordinarily important to understanding the events contained within. Describe your neighborhood or a neighborhood you once lived in. Explain what it looks like, where it is located, and what the people in it are like. What are their attitudes and fears? What do you think about growing up there? Again, be descriptive and imaginative.
2. Define innocence in your own words. Describe someone you know who is innocent.
3. What does it mean to be a grown-up? How do you know when you are an adult? Why would someone refer to growing up as a "journey"?
4. Define justice in your own words. What is the most *unjust* occurrence you've ever heard about?
5. Based on the title of the novel, what do you think this story will be about? (Hint: No one actually kills a bird at any point. But what do you think of someone who would do that? Keep in mind that mockingbirds are small, gray and white songbirds known for mimicking the songs of other birds and are generally considered harmless and even delightful).

Post-Reading Response

Directions: Review your previous responses. How have they changed after reading the novel?

Name: _____ Per: _____

Leftovers—

In the novel we are about to read, an adult narrator is looking back on an event that happened to her when she was a child. Even though she is only six years old at the beginning of the story, the narrative voice is far from childish. In fact, the story is told from a very grown-up perspective, but manages to be funny and innocently honest about her thought processes as a child. Think back to a definitive moment in your early childhood (something funny, frightening, or significant), and re-tell the story in your adult voice. Be descriptive and imaginative.