

## To Kill a Mockingbird Final Essay

1. For most of the novel, empathy is represented through our narrator Scout. In your essay, discuss one instance where Scout learns a lesson from practicing empathy. Use quotes to support your response.
  2. Empathy is an important emotion because it allows us to understand new perspectives, and therefore grow as people. In your essay, explore a character who changes because they have practiced or experienced empathy. Be sure to discuss how the character changes and what empathetic experience causes that change.
  3. At the end, Atticus tells Scout that most people are nice “when you finally see them.” Write an essay in which you agree or disagree with that statement. Use evidence from the novel and your own life to defend your position.
  4. For this prompt you may choose your own topic. However, it must be related to the theme of empathy. Write your topic below:
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### Essay Structure:

- I. Introduction.
  - a. Offer an opening statement or a catchy introduction.
  - b. Introduce the topic of your speech. (This will be related to empathy in some form)
  - c. Provide a thesis statement (a statement outlining your essay)  
*Ex. Scout learns a valuable lesson about her teacher Miss Caroline when she sees things from her perspective.*
  
- II. Body paragraph.
  - a. Begin with a topic sentence stating the subject of the paragraph.
  - b. Add supporting details along with quote(s).
  - c. Include a concluding statement.
  
- III. Conclusion.
  - a. Summarize what you discussed in your speech
  - b. Offer a final concluding statement to the audience.