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Aim: How can reputation differ from a person's true character?

Do Now: How might this relate to the Radley's reputation?

 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgytqyYc9kl>

 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwBVcsWYJd8>

True character vs. reputation is a Big Issue in this story. Below are a few quotes & topics about some of the major families and people in Maycomb. Check out what they suggest about the true character of these folks.

Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. - Abraham Lincoln

What does this quote mean?

Reputation never gives the full picture of a person you have to look more closely to discover one's true character...

A. Foreshadowing on the Cunninghams:

1. Describe or draw Walter's appearance. P. 19 -

* Poor, no shoes, clean overalls
 * Looks sixty, pale, red-rimmed eyes
 * No lunch bag..., Skinny

2. Scout says: "You're shamin' him Ms. Caroline. Walter hasn't got a quarter at home to bring you and you can't use any stovewood" (21). - What is Scout trying to say here?

The family is poor and can't afford 25¢ for lunch. They don't take handouts...

3. How did Walter's family repay Atticus for his work as an attorney? P. 20-21

They pay with a bag of nuts, wood and vegetables...

4. "While Walter piled food on his plate, he and Atticus talked together like ^{two} men, to the wonderment of Jem and me" (24). What does this tell us about Walter's character?

Walter is intelligent and mature...

5. Overall, what reputation do the Cunninghams seem to have in Maycomb? B) What do you believe is their true character?

A) They are poor. They're proud, stubborn... They're private... They're a "crazy gang"!!



B) They're honest, hardworking, good people...

B. **Foreshadowing on the Ewells:**

Describe or draw Burris' appearance. P.26-

- * Poor → Filthy, dark rings on neck
 - * Large, cooties in hair
 - * Grime in fingernails
 - * Torn, stained clothes
- } Stinks!

1. "The boy laughed rudely." p. 27 – Explain what is happening here.

He expects to be sent home.
Ms. Caroline tells him to bathe – he laughs!

2. "He gave a contemptuous snort." + "The boy's condescension flashed to anger." – Explain these ideas too. p.27-

* He acts better than everyone.
yells, curses @ teacher...

3. "Ain't got no mother, was the answer, 'and their paw's right contentious." – What do we learn about Mr. Bob Ewell from Atticus?

* Mom passed away * Dad is an alcoholic who uses "relief checks" → welfare to buy whiskey. * Hunts, traps off season

4. Overall, What reputation do the Ewells have in Maycomb? B) What do you believe is their true character?

A) They're poor but disrespectful, bullies...
B) Lazy, dishonest

5. How are the two poor families, the Cunninghams and the Ewells, **contrasted**?

Cunninghams - Proud, hardworking
Ewells - sloppy, lazy

C. **Foreshadowing on the Radleys:**

1. Describe or draw Boo's supposed appearance. P. 13

- * Skull-shaped face / jagged scar
- * Yellow teeth
- * Bulging eyes
- * Prooling
- * Blood-stained hands

2. What are some of the town rumors surrounding the Radley family?

* Kills, eats small animals raw 
* Trespasser, Peeping Tom

3. Ms. Maudie asks Scout: "You know old Mr. Radley was a foot-washing Baptist...I'm just a Baptist...Foot-washers believe that anything that's pleasure is sin..."(44). How can this help to explain how some of the neighbors have viewed the Radley family?

* They don't attend Maycomb's Church.
 * This is "weird" and causes gossip.
 * Mr. Radley is too harsh.

4. Ms. Maudie also tells Scout that Stephanie Crawford was the one that claimed that Boo was staring in her window at night. When Ms. Maudie said: "...what did you do, Stephanie, move over in the bed and make room for him?" This apparently shut Ms. Crawford up for a while? What does this suggest about many of the Radley stories? P.45

* Stop gossiping and creating rumors!

5. Ms. Maudie also demands that Scout refer to "Boo" as Mr. Arthur in her presence. What does this suggest? P.45

She wants "Boo" to be respected...
 Radleys

6. Overall, What reputation do the Radleys have in Maycomb? B) What do you believe is their true character?

A) They're secretive, disliked, weird...
 B) They're shy, private but fairly nice...

7. Overall: How do some folks seem to view Ms. Maudie? B) Based on the above conversation, how would you characterize Ms. Maudie?

A) She can be a bit nasty but is respected
 B) She's honest → Brutally so...

D. Foreshadowing on the Finchs:

1. In chapter 3, Atticus tells Scout "...you never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it"(30). What is Atticus trying to tell his daughter?

We never truly know someone's full story.
 * Don't form judgments. * Don't believe rumors.

2. How does Scout's behavior in school seem to reflect Atticus' advice? Give a few details.

* Stands up for Walter Cunningham
 * Protects teacher from Burris



3. What does Atticus' reaction to the latest game of "Boo Radley" show the kids? P. 48-50

4. **Overall**, What reputation do the Finchs seem to have in Maycomb? B) What do you believe is their true character?

Summary: Respond to Atticus' quote from #1. Is he correct? – Explain.

