

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee - "The Antebellum South and Maycomb"

Antebellum - existing before a war, especially the American Civil War

(Do Now): What is the name of this classic, American movie? How does this movie trailer reflect the paradox of the Antebellum Old South?

Gone with the Wind

Keeping the ways of the old South vs moving forward

A) What is a stereotypical Southern Belle - as presented in myth and Hollywood legend? B) Is there any truth to this concept?

Big Ball gowns - polite, graceful, proper

Connecting to the text...

1. How does Aunt Alexandra and her attitude toward Scout relate to the idea of a Southern Belle.

she doesn't like scout cursing. She doesn't want her in overalls - she should wear a dress, be more respectful. Act like a "sun beam"

2. When it begins snowing in chpt. 8, Mr. Avery jokes and says that the children's bad behavior is going to bring Appomattox on them. Appomattox was a battle of the Civil War where the South was finally defeated and Gen. Lee surrendered. * What does this suggest about Maycomb attitudes toward the Civil War?

Maycomb - feels bitter about how the war ended

3. A) What do Scout and Jem call their dirt and snow "snow man?" B) What does this show us?

They call it the "n" word - B) This shows it's part of the vernacular. It is part of their language. They don't see it as bad.

4. Why does Scout end up in a fight with Cecil Jacobs at school?

He insults Atticus calling him a "mixer lover."

He also says the "n" should "hang." Atticus is defending a black man in court.

5. A) Atticus tells Scout that they will not win the case? B) How can he be so sure? C)

Which family is providing the "evidence?"

The Ewell family is going to provide evidence. They're disrespectful... they break laws but Atticus will still lose because they're white.

6. A) Write down a quote from Cousin Francis on p. 83. B) Explain why this is stronger than Cecil Jacob's meanness?

"... bad enough ^{that} he lets you run wild, but now he's turned a n-lover... he's ruinin' the family!!" → It's their own family and he's getting from his grandmother.

7. A) Write down a quote from p. 88 showing Atticus' attitude toward the case. B)

How does this show Atticus' knowledge of his own beloved town?

"I hope and pray I can get Jem + Scout through without bitterness." - He knows it will be tough on them.

• Why would normally good people hold on to such backward and hateful ideas?

Does this make sense? - Explain in a paragraph.

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