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Prejudice and Stereotypes in *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Maycomb's Attitude

1. Overall: How can we explain the tone of the townspeople of Maycomb County, Alabama toward African Americans?

Racism is an accepted norm.
Children use the "N" word.
All blacks are criminals. - It's o.k. to kill them.
normal

2. Overall: Based on Jem and Scout's trip to Cal's church the reader learns a lot about the disadvantages of the African American community during this time period. Who or what do you believe is to be blamed for the treatment of the African American community in Maycomb County?

* "Separate but Equal" is a lie. The black people live near the dump. The church can't afford books, so people can't read.
Aunt Alexandra

3. Overall: How would you characterize Aunt Alexandra? Do you think she is different than other Maycomb citizens? Why or why not?

* She believes in the old, traditional ways. She ranks and judges people.
"She fits in like a hand into a glove!"
Atticus

4. Overall: How would you characterize Atticus Finch? How does he compare to other fathers in Maycomb County when it comes to raising his children?

* He won't judge people unfairly. He stands up for fairness. He fights to change Maycomb.

Outcasts in Society

5. Overall: How can being an outsider in Maycomb, Alabama cause internal struggle for these characters?

Boo Radley - Blamed for killing animals... rumors
Dolphus Raymond - Black mistress has children who are ~~to~~ Black, pretends to drink...
Ms. Caroline - From city, North Alabama
Skirt, high heels, nails done
Mayella - Ewell, horrible family
Dill - He is not racist, cries, runs out during trial...
Outcasts - New people, or diff. People will be judged and will never be fully accepted.