
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

AUTHOR INVESTIGATION

Chapters 2-5

Directions Read the nonfiction information in the left column (sources: <http://www.neabigread.org/books/mockingbird/readers-guide/about-the-author/> and <https://books.google.com/books?id=26zcAgAAQBAJ&pg=PA7&lpg=PA7&dq=Manistee+%26+Repton&source=bl&ots=AGrjSdNUcN&sig=w2OI7kYLpkJRfhWRAfjzv-qE6bs&hl=en&sa=X&ei=subKU5jJJce-myASAwIC4DA&ved=0CCYQ6AEwATgK#v=onepage&q=Manistee%20%26%20Repton&f=false>) and keep it in mind as you read and take investigative notes. Is this book aligned with the author or not? Gather information to make your case.

Copy the chart below into the Google doc you've already started and type your notes. Be prepared to share the document.

<p><i>AUTHOR</i> Nonfiction Information</p>	<p><i>CHARACTER</i> Book: Corroboration or Contradiction (Quotes with Page Numbers) <i>Directions</i> Write a relevant quote from the text that connects to the information in the left column.</p>	<p><i>Investigator Conclusions</i> Similar? Different? Connections? <i>Directions</i> Write whether the quote from the text proves a connection, appears to be the opposite of the text, or falls somewhere in between.</p>
Her mother, Frances Cunningham Finch Lee, was a homemaker.		
As a child, Harper Lee was an unruly tomboy. She fought on the playground. She talked back to teachers. She was bored with school and resisted any sort of conformity.		

<p>Even after [Nelle's father] reached the age for regular schooling, chores on the farm took precedence over schoolwork...But he was a steady reader, and at 16 he passed the examination to teach. For three years he taught school...</p>		
<p>She had housekeepers- there was always one black woman, sometimes two, who cooked, cleaned and looked after the children. They walked from a black neighborhood where they lived to the Lee home about a quarter mile away. Hattie Clasell lived in with the Lees for many years, and when Nelle came in after a day of play, sunburned and grass-stained, it was usually Hattie who ordered "Miss Frippey Britches" of her hand-me-down overalls, to be scrubbed in the tub, combed, and given supper in the kitchen.</p>		
<p>Frances [Nelle's mother] also suffered from a "nervous disorder," most likely undiagnosed manic depression. By the time Nelle was born, Frances's mental illness rendered her emotionally inaccessible to Nelle.</p>		
<p>A.C. [Nelle's father] was the most present parent in Nelle's life and she adored him. He spoke to children as adults and listened to them with the same respect and attention.</p>		

<p>“We didn't have much money We didn't have toys, nothing was done for us, so the result was that we lived in our imagination most of the time. We devised things; we were readers and we would transfer everything we had seen on the printed page to the backyard in the form of high drama.”</p>		
<p>Even on social occasions, he was never one to cut loose. He never accepted a drink or offered to pay for one. [Nelle's father], everyone in town knew, was a strict Methodist, and when it came to liquor, he was “dry as an old sun-bleached bone.”</p>		