

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: NEWSPAPER REPORT

For this assignment, picture yourself as one of the reporters working for The Maycomb Tribune and Mr. Underwood. He has given you the task of writing a newspaper article on one of the recent events that have taken place in Maycomb.

Choose one of the events (up to chapter 20) to cover for the newspaper. Remember that it should be something that would have made waves around the town, not something small or only significant to one person. See below for the expectations and helpful hints for the assignment.

EXPECTATIONS:

- One page, double spaced
- Headline and byline
- Interesting hook (get the reader interested!)
- 5Ws and 1H
- At least 2 quotes from characters in the book

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Use the columns in Word (under Page Layout) to make the layout more authentic
- Your newspaper is supposed to be from the 1930s, so you may want to use techniques to make it look like it is from that time period (font, colour, etc.)
- Use a picture (or two!) to make the article more realistic
- Choose an event that you have enough information on to write an article about

Be creative and innovative with your story—make sure it's an original and exciting piece of reporting! Words or jargon from the era should be used to help make your article authentic. You may want to do additional research on your topic to enhance the reader's understanding, as well as your own.

Please attach this sheet, with the rubric on the back, to your newspaper article when you hand it in.

Topic:

Due Date:

	Level One	Level Two	Level Three	Level Four
Knowledge and Understanding /15	Major aspects of a newspaper article are missing from final product; little to no knowledge of novel in article	Final product missing some elements of a newspaper article; some knowledge of TKaM demonstrated	All elements of a newspaper article are present in final product; good knowledge of novel in article	Elements of a newspaper article are incorporated flawlessly; strong knowledge of TKaM demonstrated
Thinking and Inquiry /15	Article lacks a creative approach to event from the novel; structure of article does not reflect that of a newspaper article	Some originality can be seen in approach to event; article is somewhat structured like a proper newspaper article	Clear originality can be seen in approach to event from novel; article has clear structure of a newspaper article	Excellent creativity demonstrated in approach to event from novel; structure reflects that of a newspaper article
Communication /10	Article contains several spelling and grammatical errors; is extremely hard to under-stand	Article has some grammatical and spelling errors; is somewhat hard to understand	Article has very few spelling and grammatical errors; flows well throughout	Article has no grammatical or spelling errors; maintains excellent flow throughout
Application /5	Little to no effort shown in presenting an authentic article	Some effort shown in making assignment look and feel authentic	Good effort demonstrated in creating an assignment that looks authentic	Excellent effort demonstrated in creation of an authentic assignment
Total: /45	Comments:			