TIME/ACTIVITY	BREAKDOWN	RESOURCES	HOMEWORK
Lesson 1 & 2 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 1 – an introduction to the history of The Deep South Research	 Lesson 1 Collect information – assess what we have learned from initial research. Read chapter Write notes Introduction of Scout as narrator – child – she is writing as an adult thinking back. We hear about Jem's arm - happens at the end of the novelso this links the novel's beginning to its ending. We also hear about the Finch family history. As a result of the Civil War, families looked to their roots – very insular people, all families are obsessed by their history. Scout said "Being Southerners it was a source of shame to some members of the members of the family that we had no recorded ancestors on either side of The Battle of Hastings" - e.g of Southern attitude and also Scout's self reflective humour laughing at herself. Look at the Boo Radley legend draw up a class spidergram with notes on what we have learnt so far about Boo and about the children – active imagination / creating mystery. Gossip creates myth / distortion – reflection on our view of other cultures and disability – no understanding so we alienate them creating irrational fear – N. Ireland. Lesson 2 Do the Harriet Tubman, poem p82-83 – read through. 	To Kill a Mockingbird Deep South Worksheet Video of Gone With the Wind or Sommersby helpful. Oxford English 4a p82-83	Find a book or watch one of these films to report back – lesson 15

Lesson 3	✤ Read chapter 2	To Kill a	
	Scout's first day at school. Miss Caroline and Scout argue about	Mockingbird	
To Kill a	reading. Miss Caroline humiliates Walter. Scout explains.		
Mockingbird	 Describe the Cunninghams. 		
Chapter 2	What impression do we get of school?		
p	Narrow-minded, humiliating – family background influences people,		
Cunninghams	constrictive- reading. Scout rebels against this – too innocent to realise		
School	that you've got to play the system. She is like the mockingbird in the		
	legend – it teaches the others to sing.		
	 Lead into personal anecdotes about first days at school. 		
Lesson 4	✤ Read Early memories of school and free dinners by Fred Rickard. Look	Oxford English	Start to plan it
	at the idea of creating a scene, of a picture in words, an atmosphere.	4a (blue) p10-11	out
My first day at	Think to important characters, a hated or much loved teacher, an	class set	
school – personal	incident that was particularly sad, funny, inexplicable to a five year		
writing, lang	old.		
folder	✤ Weave them all together into an autobiographical account of <i>"My Early</i> "		
	School Days" – other writing language folder piece.		
Lesson 5	✤ Read chapter 3.	To Kill a	Finish Atticus
	✤ Walter comes to dinner. Scout is rude. Miss Caroline meets Burris	Mockingbird	question
To Kill a	Ewell. Atticus talks to Scout about reading and Miss Caroline.		
Mockingbird	✤ Look at how Lee makes Scout sound like a child – p27 "I'd go off and		
Chapter 3	drown myself in Baker's Eddy and then they'd be sorry." "The Sam		
Writing Style	Hill". Preparing to spit.		
Comprehension	 Why does Walter pour syrup on everything and why is Atticus angry 		
Ewells	with Scout for drawing attention to this?		
Atticus	No nourishment at home – extra calories.		
Introducing how	✤ Describe the Ewells.		
to write	✤ What sort of man is Atticus? Give evidence for your opinions. Explain		
supported points	this use of proof – like a detective. Fiercely non-racist. Wise. Law is		
	King – true democrat.		

Lesson 6	✤ Read chapter 4.	To Kill a	Boo's diary
	✤ Jem and Scout find presents in the tree stump from Boo. Dill arrives for	Mockingbird	
To Kill a	the Summer: children re-enact the Radley story. Scout's real name is	_	
Mockingbird	shown to be Jean-Louise Finch.		
Chapter 4	↔ What do the presents tell us about Boo? – kind or is it a trick? Idea of it		
Boo's diary	being poisoned shows how bad-minded they are.		
5	Describe Dill – pairs. How does Dill further the Radley story? Death in		
	three days for Scout and the poisoned chewing gum. Hot steam.		
	Draw a flow chart of the Boo Radley story		
	Boo attacked Mrs Radley with a pair of scissors, so now they keep him		
	locked up.		
	 Describe how Boo must feel seeing the enactment of his past and the 		
	scissors every day on the porch? Who was laughing at Scout – what		
	does this tell us about what Boo is really like?		
	 Write Boo's diary after he has watched Scout, Jem and Dill re- enacting his 		
	past and write how he feels about them. Does he want to join them? Homework		
Lesson 7	✤ Read chapter 5	To Kill a	
To Kill a	 Children talk to Miss Maudie. They try to put a note through the 	Mockingbird	
Mockingbird	Radley letter-box. Atticus stops it. Atticus believes in living to the letter		
Chapter 5	of the law – at all times a person's civil liberties must be respected		
Boo – Jem and	 Improvise conversations between Dill and Jem about plans to meet 		
Dill	Boo. Devise a plan to enter the house and meet him or to draw him out.		

Lesson 8 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 6 Jem's character	 Read chapter 6 Children look into the Radley house. Jem's pants (trousers) get caught. Dill leaves. Jem goes back for his pants in the night. Spidergram – as basis for notes. Draw a spidergram of Jem's character Brave – goes back for pants Typical older brother Jem Brave – goes back for Atticus' sake Doesn't want him to be disappointed in him and have to whip him. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	
Lesson 9 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 7 Informal letter to Boo from Jem	 Read chapter 7 Scout in second grade. The truth about Jem's trousers is discovered and more presents arrive from Boo. The tree hollow is cemented up by Mr Radley. What does this final action tell us about Mr Radley? Write a letter from Jem to Boo. What would you include? Try to find out about how he is being treated. Is he a prisoner? Are you moved to sympathy for Boo 	To Kill a Mockingbird	Finish letter
Lesson 10 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 8 Newspaper article – part one of folder piece	 by his generosity? Read chapter 8. First snow. Fire at Miss Maudie's house. Boo Radley covers Scout with a blanket. Note Scout's reaction to kindness of Boo – parallel to later reaction to the kindness Tom shows to Mayella Ewell. Good deed is snubbed. This is an example of institutionalised prejudice – an irrational grudge against people. Folder piece – part 1Write an article for the Maycomb Tribune about the fire. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	Draft for homework



Lesson 12	*	Read chapter 10	To Kill a	Finish draft of
	**		Mockingbird	article for
To Kill a	*	Write down all your impressions of Atticus' character - prove with		homework
Mockingbird		examples from the text.		
Chapter 10		Law is the ruler –true democrat		
Newspaper article		Wise – only one who can handle Scout – Uncle Jack incident.		
– part two of		Understands folly of society but doesn't preach – tries to step inside		
folder work		their skin instead.		
		The mad dog incident shows that he is no wimp – he has the power to		
		be a deadly marksman, if he so wishes. This chapter is here to show		
		Atticus' true power if he chooses to use it. Of course he won't, he		
		upholds the rule of law and democracy. Decisions over people must		
		take place in the courtroom, not on the street like the mad dog. He is		
		gentleman and knows that vigilantism is wrong. He has the power but		
		will not use it.		
	*	In groups discuss the meaning of p100 quote below.		
		He also says "it is a sin to kill a mockingbird" p100, which means that it		
		is wrong to kill something that can't defend itself and does only good		
		things. This is a metaphor for Tom Robinson, a decent law-abiding		
		family man who helped and felt sorry for a poor white girl.		
	*	Write a short article for the Maycomb Tribune on the mad dog incident – part		
		two folder work.		
Lesson 13		Read chapter 11	To Kill a	Finish draft for
	*	Jem is twelve years old. Mrs Lafayette Dubose is described. Jem cuts off	Mockingbird	homework
To Kill a		her flower heads. Atticus makes him read to her. She dies. Look at		
Mockingbird		Atticus' wisdom.		
Chapter 11	*	Write an explanation and discuss the Mrs Dubose / Jem relationship.		
Obituary – part	*	Write an brief obituary of Mrs Dubose's life and her death for the Maycomb		
three for folder		Tribune – part three for folder.		

Lesson 14	✤ Read chapter 12	To Kill a
	 Scout explains Jem's adolescence. Jem and Scout go to Calpurnia's 	Mockingbird
To Kill a	church. Racial incident. Calpurnia describes her own family and	
Mockingbird	community. We learn that Tom's crime is a rape. Helen, Tom's wife is	
Chapter 12 –	suffering and no-one will employ her to pick cotton.	
character	✤ In pairs - Make a list of the black characters in this chapter and describe	
description/	them and what they do in the chapter.	
function	Calpurnia Rev Sykes Lula Zeebo	
LESSON 15	 Look at the black and white photo on the worksheet – impressions 	Black Boy
Black Boy –	about America at that time – openly racist.	extracts.
Richard Wright	 Compare to South Africa's apartheid and Hitler's persecution and 	
extract – the	ghettoisation of the Jews – is it any different?	
history / incident	 Read through Black Boy extract. 	
of black	 Could it ever be like this in Britain? – immigration control, Asian and 	
oppression	Black areas of London and the big cities. What is the difference today?	
	 Go through the questions and answer questions. 	
Lesson 16	Lesson1	To Kill a
	✤ Read chapter 13	Mockingbird
To Kill a	✤ Aunt Alexandra comes to stay. Maycomb is described. Atticus is	
Mockingbird	instructed to glorify his family to his children.	
Chapter 13	P141 – see growth in Scout's understanding	
	"one must lie under certain circumstances and at all times when one	
	can't do anything about it."	
	Write Aunt Alexandra's diary entry explaining her first opinions and impressions of Secure Jone, Attigue and their lives. Look at the ideas of	
	impressions of Scout, Jem, Atticus and their lives. Look at the ideas of the Finch family history.	
	Lesson 2	
	Class discussion on how girls are treated differently from boys.	
	Structure in terms of gender group ideas formulated with pros and	
	cons of being a girl / boy and the differing expectations of each group.	
	Formal reporting back and then class discussion.	
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Lesson 17	*	Read chapter 14	To Kill a
	*	•	Mockingbird
To Kill a		Calpurnia. Jem & Scout argue. Dill found under bed.	
Mockingbird	*	Why does Aunt Alexandra dislike Calpurnia? Knows her own mind.	
Chapter 14		Threat kids like her better. Undermines her authority on how to	
Newspaper article		behave. Equal in the household, rather than a servant.	
– part four –	*		
Missing Boy		read-it."p58 Discuss Dill's problem.	
	*	Newspaper article - Missing Boy – Maycomb Tribune – part four folder work – continue next lesson	
Lesson 18	*	Read chapter 15.	To Kill a
		Sheriff Heck Tate comes to Atticus' door with Maycomb men. Atticus	Mockingbird
To Kill a		guards Tom Robinson at the jail. Confrontation with Maycomb men,	0
Mockingbird		children diffuse the situation.	
Chapter 15	*	"Trouble at the Jail House" As Atticus record your account of the	
Chapter 15		incident to Aunt Alexandra. Why did Mr Cunningham retreat? Explain	
		what exactly Scout did.	
Lesson 19	*	Look at the downloaded material on black oppression in the 1950's and	Extracts for
The history /		in groups look at each one and make notes – discuss your response to	stimuli
incident of black		what was happening in the deep south in the 1950's. Remember that To	Nelson
oppression and		Kill A Mockingbird was written in1960.	Mandela
the fight back	*	Feed back.	worksheet.
the light back	*	Look at the similar experience of Nelson Mandela at the time in South	
		Africa.	
	*	Encourage internet research – <u>www.afroam.org/history</u>	
		www.wmich.edu/politics/mlk	

Lesson 20 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 16 Looking at mob and also Dolphus Raymond	 Read chapter 16. Atticus explains racial tension and the reasons for confrontation over breakfast. Build up to trial: children describe Mr Dolphus Raymond. Trial begins. Is Aunt Alexandra racist? She says "it encourages them" them emphasises this sense of otherness / distrusts them and depersonalises black people by lumping them all together. Easy then to hate. What is Harper Lee saying about the mob? Discuss. Scout split up the mob by repersonalising the cause and reminding Mr Cunningham that this is Atticus the man who is helping him with his legal problems at no cost. These are human beings not a simple black bashing scenario. Walter is made to jump into Atticus' skin. Draw up a spidergram of Dolphus Raymond's character. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	
Lesson 21 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 17 Plotting events	 Read chapter 17 Mr Heck Tate is the first witness. Mr Robert Ewell is rude as a witness – reflection on his character. Plan out the events as recounted by each witness in a columned time line on one page. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	
Lesson 22 Native Son extract plus newspaper article	 Look at the extract Native Son by Richard Wright and answer the question. Work on newspaper article 	Native son extract	Continue next lesson but finish draft for homework
Lesson 23 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 18 Mayella's testimony	 Read chapter 18. Miss Mayella Ewell is questioned as the plaintiff. Explain terms plaintiff and defendant / the accused. Plot out her story on the events flow chart. Are there any inconsistencies emerging? Write down your impressions of Mayella Ewell. How do you feel about her? Give reasons for your response. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	

Lesson 24 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 19 Tom's testimony	 Read chapter 19. Mr Tom Robinson is questioned. Look at the term "boy". Why is this used? Why should Mayella be believed? White, girl, reason to lie? Is Tom innocent? Write your reasons and support each one with evidence. Class discussion based on this. 	To Kill a Mockingbird
Lesson 25 The art of persuasion – oratory – linking to black prejudice & Martin Luther King's I have a dream speech.	 Read the speech made by Martin Luther King – p103. Very famous and really led to the freedom for black people in the USA – made in 1963, three years after To Kill A Mockingbird. Look at the novel as a political text. Look at the history of Martin Luther King and his importance to America and black people the world over. Look at the idea of the orator – good - Billy Graham, King Bad - Mussolini, Hitler – people who could work a crowd Try to identify through quoting the different techniques in this speech. Write down your response to the speech. Do you agree with Martin Luther King's ideas? Is it reasonable? How does it work up excitement in the crowd? 	Oxford English 4b
Lesson 26 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 20	 Read chapter 20. Recess: children talk to Mr Dolphus Raymond. Atticus makes his summarising speech to the jury. Dolphus Raymond acts strangely by drinking coke in a paper bag every one writes him off as a low-life and so no-one is surprised that he marries a black woman. If he looked respectable to people then the marriage would be a scandal and they would experience resistance and trouble. Again look at society's lack of true understanding and how people are ready to form judgments about people with no real understanding of them – no one jumps into Dolphus' skin to understand him. Is this case as simple as black and white? Explain in detail what Atticus means. Support each point with proof from the text. 	To Kill a Mockingbird

Lesson 27 &	Lesson 1	To Kill a	Finish for
28	 Read chapter 21 	Mockingbird	homework
20	 Calpurnia approaches judge to look for Atticus' children in the 		
To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 21 Newspaper article 5 – folder work	 courtroom. They are sitting with the black people in the gallery – significant social point. They plead to hear the verdict. Guilty is returned. The black people stand as Atticus leaves the court. Newspaper article – folder work - five. You have sat through the trial as a reporter for the Maycomb Tribune. From all the evidence given, the tension and the verdict; write an in-depth newspaper report on the trial. You may give your opinion either way on justice in Maycomb County and on Atticus. 		
	Lesson 2		
	✤ Carry on with it.		
Lesson 29	✤ Read chapter 22	To Kill a	
	 Jem cries. Food from Black community. Miss Maudie talks to the 	Mockingbird	
To Kill a	children about Atticus' role. Bob Ewell spits in Atticus' face. "They've		
Mockingbird	done it before and they did it tonight and they'll do it again and when		
Chapter 22	they do it – seems only the children weep." Atticus		
Role of the	✤ Groups of three. Discuss the quote. What do the children represent and		
children in the	stand for in this novel? Innocence, truth and the obvious – society has		
novel	blinded people to the obvious.		
	"There ain't one thing in this world I can do about folks except laugh,		
	so I'm gonna join the circus and laugh my head off." Dill. Explain what		
	you think he means by this.		

Lesson 30 & 31 A poetry comparison exercise – C20th for folder	 Ain't I a Woman - Sejourner Truth and Maya Angelou's Woman work. Read the two poems and try to assess the life of a black woman. What messages are they trying to convey to us? Look at the white lifestyle of Aunt Alexandra, how does it compare to Calpurnia's? Analyse the two poems carefully in terms of style, theme, atmosphere and write a comparative essay on them for folder. 	Ain't I a Woman – Sejourner Truth and Woman Work – Maya Angelou To Kill a	Finish for homework
Lesson 32 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 23 – family fate and snobbery	 Read chapter 23 Atticus and Jem have a discussion about the trial. Atticus and Aunt Alexandra argue about the children. We learn about the Cunninghams. We see a new realisation about Boo from Scout. She thinks he wants to stay inside. She realises that society would persecute him for being a misfit and it is safer for him to stay out of public gaze. Not a prisoner but a refugee. Explain the character and logic of the Cunninghams. What are they like and why are they now trying to help Tom and Atticus? Look at Aunt Alexandra's view of people as opposed to Scout's view "Finch women aren't interested in that sort of people" – can't change your nature it is bred into you – "drinking streak" in the family – p249 pecking order idea. Scout "I think there's just one kind of folks. Folks." Class discussion about this – look at royalty and predestination / fate. 	Mockingbird	

Lesson 33	*	Read chapter 24	To Kill a	
	**	Aunt Alexandra and her missionary circle meet. Tom Robinson's death	Mockingbird	
To Kill a		is announced by Atticus who needs Calpurnia to go comfort Helen.	_	
Mockingbird		Note how Scout is developing here. She learns to bite her tongue and		
Chapter 24		not always tell the truth. She is made fun of by Miss Stephanie but		
Hypocrisy / irony		retorts that she wants to be a lady.		
and reasons for	**	Look at the concept of irony. Why is the Missionary Circle meeting		
Tom's death.		ironic?		
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		racist and are worsening the poor Afro-Americans' situation in a very		
		unchristian regime.		
		"There's nothing more distracting than a sulky darky. Their mouths go		
		down to here. Just ruins your day to have one of 'em in your kitchen."		
		Mrs Merriweather.		
		Look at the term hypocrisy		
	*	Why did Tom go mad in prison – collect reasons:		
		Loss of faith in system / hopelessness of situation/ loss of faith in		
		people / humanity that they could wrongly send a man to death -		
		Mayella is a victim but by remaining silent she is killing an innocent		
		father and breadwinner. Is he guilty really? He has become a social		
		event – a reinforcement to the black man of his place in society.		

Lesson 34 &	✤ Read chapter 25	To Kill a	Finish for
35 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 25 Part six – folder – newspaper article	 Dill and Jem recount what happens when they go to Helen Robinson's. Mr B.B. Underwood writes an article about Tom's senseless death. Look at the racist response to the death by the white community: "Typical of a nigger to cut and run. Typical of a nigger's mentality to have no plan, no thought for the future when it comes down to the line the veneer's mighty thin. Nigger always comes out in 'em." Explain the racist nature of this comment. That have legitimised their case against Tom – he ran so he must be guilty. Can't see that he ran because there was no justice, no escape. Part six – folder – "Senseless Death" An editorial – a personal view on the death of Tom Robinson and the racism at the heart of Maycomb society. Look in depth at racism and Tom's reason for running. Lesson 2 - Carry on with work 	Mockingbird	homework
Lesson 36 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 26 Miss Gates – discussion / informal debate on institutionalised racism and right wing groups	 Read chapter 26. Scout gets into third grade. She reflects on Boo and is no longer frightened of him. She is developing in maturity. The trial has taught her to be more tolerant of difference. Miss Gates teaches Scout's class about Hitler. Contradiction as Scout remembers her racist comments at the trial. Discuss the two quotes in groups: Cecil "they're supposed to change money or somethin' but that ain't no cause to persecute 'em. They're white ain't they." Miss Gates: "I heard her say it's time somebody taught 'em a lesson they're gettin' way above themselves." Why does Lee mention Hitler? Are there any parallels to be drawn between the two countries? Discuss what you understand by the term institutional racism. Is Britain today a racist country? What should be done to stop racism at all levels? Discuss as a class after group discussion. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	

Lesson 37	✤ Read chapter 27	To Kill a	
	 Ewell gets and loses job, blames Atticus. Judge Taylor has a secret 	Mockingbird	
To Kill a	visitor. Helen Robinson is harassed on the way to work and Link Deas a	_	
Mockingbird	decent man who has found her a job warns Ewell off. Scout and Jem		
Chapter 27	start off for the Hallowe'en Party ironically organised by the Missionary		
Scout's devpt of	Ladies at the High School.		
character through	In pairs try to find evidence of how Scout's behaviour has changed		
the novel	through the book. Board work Listens to Aunt Alexandra		
	Calmed down _ Wears dress to her coffee		
	morning		
	Scout's Dealizes that you		
	Stepping into Realises that you have to compromise		
	other's skin now – Boo		
	Tries to account for how Closer to Jem		
	they must feel Gives him space & lets him look after her		
Lesson 38	Read chapter 28.	To Kill a	Finish for
	Hallowe'en pageant. Scout is dressed as a ham – in a wired mesh	Mockingbird	homework
To Kill a	costume. She performs and is late on stage. Everyone laughs but she is	U	
Mockingbird	embarrassed. After everyone has left Scout and Jem leave. Scout has		
Chapter 28	forgotten her shoes. They go back for them and Jem and Scout are		
Jem's diary – style	attacked on the way home.		
and technique	Look at the contrast between the fictitious danger of "haints and hot		
1	steam" and Boo and the real danger of Bob Ewell. The use of Hallowe'en		
	gives atmosphere of eeriness.		
	✤ Here, Jem and Scout are the mockingbirds, the innocent victims of the		
	trial.		
	✤ Who stuck in the knife?		
	Was that person justified in killing Bob Ewell?		
	 Write Jem's diary entry on the events of that night. 		

Lesson 39 To Kill a Mockingbird	 Read chapter 29 Bob Ewell is dead at the scene of the attack. See Bob Ewell had the knife and had intended to use it on Scout. Heck Tate sums up Bob Ewell's character: "Brave enough to kill children to pester a poor colored 	To Kill a Mockingbird
Chapter 29 The Ewells re examining other areas of the text	 woman." Re examine Atticus' comments on the Ewells p33-35ish in the light of the ending. How do you feel about his comments on them now? Write a description of Boo. Do you think that it is right for him to live this isolated and prison-like existence? Pale, not used to light, can't speak or walk properly. 	
Lesson 40 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 30 The Compromise	 Read chapter 30. Boo Radley is introduced as Scout's saviour. Heck Tate orders Atticus to accept that Ewell fell on his knife. Atticus thinks that Jem stabbed him but Tate realises that Boo did it. This chapter is one where Atticus learns that courtroom justice isn't always applicable or the best thing to do. Spidergram in pairs: Tate is a realist – he knows that like Robinson, boo wouldn't get a fair trial and Ewell would end up seeming innocent – lead to a witch hunt for Boo. Being mentally ill makes you as vulnerable as being black As Atticus says "It is a sin to kill a mocking bird." Bringing out the truth would be to punish someone who is essentially good and completely vulnerable. 	To Kill a Mockingbird

Lesson 41 To Kill a Mockingbird Chapter 31	 Read chapter 31. Scout stays with Boo and then walks him home. She imagines their story from Boo's viewpoint (she has now learnt how to jump into people's skin). Scout and Jem sleep; Atticus watches over them. Scout say; "Atticus was right you never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them. Just standing on the Radley porch was enough" Scout says to Atticus "He was real nice" Atticus replies, "Most people are when you finally see them." Is Boo safe or is he a danger to the public? Discuss. He has stuck a knife into one and scissors into his mother. Is it just a coincidence that Scout was saved or Boo as psychopathic as Bob Ewell? What sort of father is Atticus? Give reasons for your opinions 	To Kill a Mockingbird	
Lesson 42 & 43 To Kill a Mockingbird Folder essay – climbing into skin	 What sort of factor is Frances' curve reasons for your opinions Lesson 1 and 2 Look at the essay: "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." P35. Show how Atticus possesses the ability to do this and how Scout develops the skill during the novel. 	To Kill a Mockingbird	Finish draft for homework