

TKAM Journal Prompts

If you are not sure if you have all journals completed, here is a list of all prompts. Be sure that your journal entries follow standard paragraph format (topic sentence, supporting sentences, closing sentences). I will collect ONE of these entries at the end of our unit for a 50pt test grade...do your best work:

Journal 1: (opinion) Choose one statement from the anticipation guide activity for your topic sentence; support your opinion with details and connections to text, self, media, other world events!

Journal 2: (descriptive/informative) Reflect your thoughts regarding this quote. What does it mean? What connections can you make with this quote in relation to TKAM, current events, the Scottboro Boys trial, school situations, etc.

“Evil rarely comes in the form of monsters, but rather in the form of relatively normal people who, for reasons of careers, ideology, or a desire for society's approval, are indifferent to the human consequences of their actions.” -Linder

Journal 3: (argumentative) Write an argument supporting or opposing the SC decision to remove the Confederate flag from the state capital building in Columbia. Remember that you must state your claim, use three supportive reasons for backing your claim, address the counter claim (other side), and restate your strongest point. You may cite evidence from the Upfront magazine if you wish—just remember to use proper internal citation format for any lifted passages.

Journal 4: (POV narrative): Write a paragraph as though you are an African-American at the time of the Jim Crow Laws. Use first person pronouns (I, me, my, we, us, our). Ex. *I am enraged at the owners of the Market Street Cafe because...*

Journal 5: (persuasive): Choose one and write a complete paragraph:

- 1) Write a paragraph to persuade the appellate courts that Tom Robinson did not receive a fair trial. Use at least THREE different reasons WHY the trial was unfair; use evidence from the novel.
- 2) To Kill A Mockingbird still lands on the Top 100 Banned Books list. Persuade a school board as to why it SHOULD or SHOULD NOT be banned from the current required reading list. Make sure you have at least THREE sound reasons for your position!