

To Kill a Mockingbird

Timeline Project

To understand the characters and themes in the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, it is important to have a basic understanding of the times before and after Harper Lee's novel setting. Your assignment is to construct a timeline that puts into historical perspective some of the key events that have affected Black Americans since before the Civil War. This will help put into perspective the events in *To Kill a Mockingbird* and the Civil Rights movement, in general.

Guidelines

1. Use a sheet of poster board for your timeline. Neatness counts!
2. Include the required events listed below. You will have to research these events to get the dates and facts.
3. Include at least 10 other key events that you consider essential. These should be key events in the civil rights movement; you may however, include a few of the other key national or world events such as the Great Depression, World War II, etc. (Please **avoid** lesser events such as sports milestones, the Beatles craze, etc.)
4. Of the 20 events (minimum) that you chart, select at least 10 and provide more detailed descriptions of the person or event, the impact, any key facts, the effect on the future, etc. Write these details into 1-2 paragraph summaries and position them around the timeline. Code the detailed descriptions to the events on the timeline so that a reader can match the event described to the listing on the timeline. (Use numbers, letters, colors, etc.)
5. Include at least 3 photos or graphic elements with your descriptions.
6. Cite your sources! Include the author's name and the web address.
7. Title your timeline.
8. Be creative. Try to think of ways to make the timeline user-friendly for the reader. Perhaps you can devise a color code (red for people, green for protest events, black for lynchings, etc.), use sharp lettering, etc.
9. Have a "map" legend, if needed.

Required Events

- Harper's Ferry
- The Emancipation Proclamation
- The Scottsboro Boys
- Woolworth lunch counter sit-in
- Brown vs. Board of Education
- Plessy vs. Ferguson
- Rosa Parks
- Medgar Evers
- Strauder vs. West Virginia
- Birth and death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.