*To Kill a Mockingbird* Note-taking Guide

**Background Information:**

1. Who is the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and when was she born?

2. Where is the setting of this story? (both time and place)

3. It is said that the Southerners in the town believe in “white supremacy”. What does “white supremacy” mean?

4. Describe what life was like during the 1930s.

5. Describe the legal segregation that took place in Alabama from 1923-1940.

6. What were the “Scottsboro Trials” about?

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7. List some of the themes that are present in To Kill a Mockingbird

8. What does a mockingbird symbolize in this story? How many characters will end up symbolizing the mockingbird?

9. Arthur “Boo” Radley is described as an “enigma”. What does that mean?

10. Pay attention to the language the characters use within the story, as it tells something about their station in life. Briefly describe the language that each character will use:

Scout:

Atticus:

Calpurnia:

Ewells:

Jem, Scout, Dill:

Tom Robinson: