

# TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee to the movie version *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962) starring Gregory Peck. Screenplay by Horton Foote. Directed by Robert Mulligan. Produced by Alan Pakula. A Pakula-Mulligan, Brentwood Productions Picture.**



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## **SAMPLE TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: MOVIE VERSION**

### **THE MOVIE VERSION OF *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Harper Lee**

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962) starring Gregory Peck. Screenplay by Horton Foote. Directed by Robert Mulligan. Produced by Alan Pakula. A Pakula-Mulligan, Brentwood Productions Picture. This is the ONLY movie version of the novel and a classic. Gregory Peck won the Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Atticus Finch.

### **HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?**

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★☆☆☆ Setting: ★★★★★

Structure: ★★☆☆☆ Symbols: ★★☆☆☆ Theme: ★★☆☆☆

### **THE MOVIE: SUMMARY**

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

### **THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1**

The movie opens with the voice of Scout as an adult narrating the scenes. She describes the town of Maycomb, Alabama when she was six years old in 1932. She calls it a tired old town where people did not have much to do and were suffering financially during the Great Depression. (**ACCURATE**)

Scout greets Mr. Cunningham as he leaves a sack of hickory nuts at the Finch's back door. (**ERROR:** *In the book in Chapter 2 Scout mentions that Mr. Cunningham once brought them hickory nuts. The scene is not in the book*) Scout runs to get Atticus so he can thank Mr. Cunningham. After Cunningham leaves, Atticus explains to Scout that it embarrasses Mr. Cunningham when he brings things as payment for some legal work. (**ERROR:** *This scene is not in the book*) She asks if the Cunninghams are poor. Then she asks if her own family is poor. Atticus explains that they aren't as poor as the Cunninghams because the Cunninghams are farmers, and the crash hit them the hardest. (**ERROR:** *In the book this dialogue takes place in Chapter 2*)

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**QUIZ**

**This quiz compares the movie *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962) starring Gregory Peck with the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.**

- \_\_\_ 1. In the movie and the book the setting of the story is in the 1930s in a small town in  
a. Texas      b. Kentucky      c. Florida      d. Alabama
  
- \_\_\_ 2. In the movie and the book Jem, Scout and Dill hear that Boo Radley once  
a. stabbed his father with scissors  
b. was a policeman in Maycomb  
c. killed a man in New York  
d. taught at the high school
  
- \_\_\_ 3. In the movie Jem goes back to find his pants that were caught on the fence. In the book Jem does not go back for his pants, so Dill tells Atticus that Jem lost his pants  
a. in a strip poker game  
b. when he gave them to a homeless boy  
c. when they were stolen while he was swimming  
d. in some quicksand

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