

English exercises 11/12

Monday 18/01/2021

08:15 – 09:40

Chapter 19 & 20:

Why do you think Dill cries at the end of the chapter? What does Mr. Raymond mean when he says "it just makes you sick, doesn't it?" (p.219/220)

What does Dill's reaction tell us about his character (development)? And how does Mr. Raymond saying "he won't cry, not when he gets a few years on him" fit into that? (p. 221/222)

Research the "Scottsboro Boys case trial" and briefly summarise it.

What are the parallels between the Scottsboro Boys trial and the trial in the novel?

What are the differences?

Thursday 21/01/2021

09:55 – 11:25

Chapter 20:

Atticus final speech (p.224-227): summarise the speech in your own words and point out the arguments that Atticus makes that point towards Robinson's innocence

At the very end of his speech silently Atticus says "In the name of God, believe him". Why? And why does he say it silently?

Chapter 21:

"You think they'll acquit him that fast?" asked Jem. Atticus opened his mouth to answer, but shut it and left us. (p.228)

What does this quote mean? What do you think Atticus was thinking of saying but then stopped himself? And why did he do so?

How does the trial end? Are you surprised by the outcome? Why (not)?

Recap: Collect the main themes that the novel has covered so far (think about the case of Boo Radley, the progress of Jem, Scout and Dill etc.) and give two examples (quotes) for each of the themes/issues from the text