*To Kill a Mockingbird:* History Webquest

Although Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird is a work of fiction, the story is based on true historical events. In order to appreciate and understand the setting, you must understand the time period and its issues. **Use the websites provided to answer the questions. Please answer them in complete sentences on a sheet of lined paper.**

To gain easy access to all the websites, go to: https://www.symbaloo.com/mix/tokillamockingbird29

Controversy

ALA— http://www.ala.org/bbooks/100-most-frequently-challenged-books-1990%E2%80%931999

“Books Under Fire”— http://www.tolerance.org/magazine/number-27-spring-2005/feature/books-under-fire

1. Where does the novel appear on the 100 Most Frequently Challenged Book List?
2. Name two other titles that you were surprised to find on the list.
3. A challenge occurs when someone attempts to remove a book from school curriculums and libraries; if the material is removed, it is considered banned. Why has To Kill a Mockingbird been challenged?
4. Why do others disagree with this challenge?

Jim Crow Laws & Segregation

History— http://www.crf-usa.org/black-history-month/a-brief-history-of-jim-crow

Laws—http://www.ferris.edu/news/jimcrow/what.htm

Scottsboro Trials—http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/FTrials/Scottsboro/scottsb.htm

1. What was the purpose of the Jim Crow Laws?
2. Put at least two of these laws into your own words.
3. Read about the Scottsboro Trial. Summarize the accusations and the outcome.

The Civil Rights Movement

http://watson.org/~lisa/blackhistory/civilrights-55-65/

1. When was the Civil Rights Movement?
2. This site lists seven aspects of the Civil Rights Movement. Select one and write at least one sentence summarize this aspect.