

To Kill a Mockingbird Literary Analysis

Theme

- subject** A topic in a story which can be stated in one or two words. A novel usually has several subjects.
Example: love, war, growing up, justice
- theme** A central idea in a story. Theme makes a revelation about a subject in the story. It involves a statement—a full sentence—about life or people in general.
Example: Subject: Justice. Theme: In society, justice often only serves people who are in the majority.
- thematic passage** a statement or reflection (usually by a major character) about life in general. It is an idea that can be lifted from the novel and applied to the world outside the novel.

Locate the thematic passages on these pages, write the sentence where it is located, and provide the subject that this passage concerns.

1. page 14
Sentence:

Subject:

2. page 39
Sentence:

Subject:

3. page 40
Sentence:

Subject:

4. page 101
Sentence:

Subject:

5. page 140
Sentence:

Subject:

6. page 149
Sentence:

Subject:

From these passages and subjects you've identified, try to write a one or two sentence theme for the entire novel.