



# TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD PATHFINDER

## Topics to Research:

Reconstruction  
 Great Depression  
 Jim Crow Laws  
 Scottsboro Boys  
 Lynching  
 Civil Rights Movement  
 Harper Lee  
 Prohibition  
 Works Progress Administration  
 School Desegregation  
 New Deal  
 Clothing from 1930's  
 Dorothea Lange  
 The Cotton Club  
*Mein Kampf*  
 Adolf Hitler  
 Booker T. Washington  
 W.B. Dubois  
 Langston Hughes  
 Ku Klux Klan  
 Dust Bowl  
 John Dillinger  
 Poll Taxes  
 Plessy vs. Ferguson  
 Hoovervilles  
 Franklin D. Roosevelt  
 1930's Radio  
 Underground Railroad  
 Emmett Till

Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* explores prejudice in a small Alabama town. Throughout the novel, set during the 1930's, Lee makes references to world and national events that were happening at the time. Knowing about such events will help you understand the novel. Use this pathfinder to locate resources for your background research assignment. You'll find nonfiction and reference books, as well as database and Internet sources.

## NONFICTION BOOKS

Below is a list of books located in our library that may be helpful. You may also want to use PrairieCat online catalog. Books are listed by general topic, so look closely for what applies to your topic. Remember, a book's index can be a great friend.

### Civil Rights

*The Trial of the Scottsboro Boys* (345.76 Har)  
*The Murder of Emmett Till* (323.1196 Are)  
*Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement* (323.092 Kar)  
*Freedom Walkers* (323.1196 Fre)  
*Civil Rights Movement* (323.1 Gro)  
*A Dream Deferred: The Jim Crow Era* (323.1196 Sha)

### 1930's

*Hard Times: The 30's* (973.9 Har)  
*Dust Bowl* (978 Far)  
*Buddy, Can You Spare a Dime?: The Great Depression in the Illinois Valley* (977.3 Blu)  
*This Fabulous Century: 1930-1940* (973.9 Tim)  
*Historic Costume* (391.09 Les)  
*Costume Reference, vol. 8* (391 Sic)  
*Western World Costume* (391.09 Bra)  
*Five Centuries of American Costume* (391.09 Wil)  
*Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1932-1940* (973.917 Leu)  
*The American Heritage Pictorial History of the Presidents of the United States* (920 Ame v. 1-2)

### Reconstruction

*Cause* (973.71 Bol)  
*Reconstruction* (973.8 Usc)  
*Reconstruction* (973.8 Rec)  
*The Civil War: 1850-1895* (973.7 Civ)

### Biography

*Eleanor and Franklin* (B Roo)  
*The Life and Death of Hitler* (B Hit)  
*Up From Slavery: An Autobiography* (B Was)  
*I Am Scout* (B Lee)

## REFERENCE BOOKS

Find these reference books in the Reference Room. Reference is an EXCELLENT place to start for this assignment. It will give you an overview of your topic and serve as a springboard for searching other sources. Find the whole set's index in the last volume.

*World Book Encyclopedia*

*Encyclopedia Britannica*

*Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America* (Ref 323.1 Enc)

*Outlaws, Mobsters & Crooks* (Ref 364.1 Mac)

*Current Biography* (Ref 920 Cur)

*Grolier Library of North American Biographies* (Ref 973.092 Gro)

*Album of American History, Vol. 5* (Ref 973 Alb)

*Dictionary of American History* (Ref 973 Dic)

*The Great Depression, Vols. 1-3* (Ref 973 Gre)

*UXL American Decades: 1930-1939* (Ref 973.91 UXL)



*"I think there's just one kind of folks. Folks."*

*Spoken by Scout*

*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
by Harper Lee

## SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

Access our databases from...

PHS Homepage>>Learning Resource Center>> Subscription Databases>>eLibrary OR *Discovering Collection*  
Or click below:

eLibrary

<http://www.proquestk12.com/>

*Discovering Collection*

[http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/prin30316?](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/prin30316?db=DC)

[db=DC](#)

Britannica Online

<http://www.school.eb.com/failedlogin?target=/>

Databases are an easy way to search for information. Just like reference books, reference articles in a database will be great sources for this project. **eLibrary** and **Discovering Collection** are your best bets for historical info at PHS.

**Pick up database login slips at the circ desk.**

## RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

The History of Jim Crow <http://www.jimcrowshistory.org/>

The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/jimcrow/>

Surviving the Dust Bowl

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/dustbowl/peopleevents/pandeAMEX05.html>

Library of Congress, American Memory

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/fsowhome.html>

Great Depression in the United States

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/elro/glossary/great-depression.htm>

American Cultural History, 1930-1939

<http://kclibrary.lonestar.edu/decade30.html>

Civil Rights Timeline

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/civilrightstimeline1.html>

Biography.com <http://www.biography.com/>

Infoplease Biographies

<http://www.infoplease.com/biography/w-bios.html>

Golden Age of Radio

<http://www.cybercollege.com/frtv/frtv018.htm>

About Lynching

[http://www.english.illinois.edu/MAPS/poets/g\\_l/lynching/lynching.htm](http://www.english.illinois.edu/MAPS/poets/g_l/lynching/lynching.htm)