

Task 2 : General Communication/Language Skill

To Kill a Mockingbird : Harper Lee

It is set in the fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama, during the Great Depression. Our protagonist is Jean Louise ("Scout") Finch, a smart and mischievous girl between the ages of six and nine in the novel. He and his brother Jem were raised by their widowed father, Atticus Finch, a prominent lawyer who encouraged the children to be sensitive and honest. When Tom Robinson, a black man, is accused of cheating on Mayella Ewell, a white woman, Atticus agrees to defend him despite society's threats. Despite Atticus' strong defense, Tom is punished and later killed while trying to escape custody. One of the characters repeats Atticus' words to his children, "it's a sin to kill a mockingbird," likening his death to "the senseless murder of a song."