

Student Essay on Atticus Finch

Atticus Finch by Harper Lee

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Essay

An important character in *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee is Atticus Finch. This character is important because he helps us to see the racial prejudice and discrimination in the small town of Maycomb County. Atticus Finch is a Man of Wisdom and Courage. He shows these traits by wisely taking Tom Robinson's, a black man's, case. And then courageously not backing down. He also shows his tolerance for blacks by giving Calpurnia a job.

In *To Kill a Mockingbird* Atticus shows wisdom in many ways. He is tolerant to blacks and also teaches his children why racism is wrong. In this book wisdom is very important. He knew the way to talk to certain people and how to treat everyone fairly. "Cheating a black man is worse than cheating a white man." He says to his children. He is telling them not to push down those who are already weak. This is very wise.

He shows courage every day. He killed a rabid dog in one shot. He stayed with Robinson's case. He protected Robinson while he slept in the county jail. All these are ways Atticus proved his courage, unintentionally, to his children. They, in turn, followed in his footsteps.

In *To Kill a Mockingbird* Atticus Finch shows wisdom, courage, and tolerance. His job is tough and his children are zany, but he manages to have an amazing impact on the people of Maycomb County.