

A-Z Literature Log
For
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Thus Literature Log will serve as a reader's journal in which you will write entries as a record of your reading. These log entries may prepare you for longer writings on the novel. Entries should be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ to a full page in length. These must be completed for each even chapter of the novel (15). I will stamp them after each part and collect them at the end of the novel to be graded.

Directions: Choose one of the following choices for your Literature Log. Copy the prompt for your choice at the top of the page and then write $\frac{3}{4}$ to a full page response for each entry, Use as many details as possible in your response. Cross off the choices you used in order to **avoid duplication**.

Choice A Give reasons for one character's behavior in a particular passage. Explain what the character did first, then discuss why.

Choice B Evaluate what seems to you to be the most important word, sentence, or passage in your reading and give reasons for your choice.

Choice C Describe a conflict between two characters and how it evolved. Predict whether or not it will be resolved.

Choice D Describe the setting of the novel. What sensory details are given in the description?

Choice E Critique the actions of a character in the novel. First explain what (s)he did, then discuss how you feel about that and why.

Choice F Describe a difficult situation in which one of the characters finds him/herself. What do you think (s)he will do next? Why? How would you behave if you were in the same situation? Why?

Choice G Write a biographical sketch of a major character in the novel. Include specific information from the novel.

Choice H Discuss the symbols the author uses in the novel. What does each represent? Why is the symbol effective?

Choice I Write a brief biographical sketch of a minor character. Include specific information from the novel.

Choice J Interpret an important passage chosen by you teacher. What does the passage mean? Why did the teacher choose to discuss it? What makes this passage

important? Do you feel that it is important? Why or why not?

Choice K List questions about puzzling passages and then attempt to answer your questions. Explain what you have learned by completing this exercise.

Choice L Copy your favorite passage from the reading and comment on it. Why was it your favorite? What specifically made you like it?

Choice M Examine the values of a character you dislike. Explain what you think about his/her values and tell why you feel that way. How are his/her values different from yours?

Choice N Comment on the relevance of a passage to the present day. How do the author's ideas compare to the ideas of today?

Choice O Comment on what you feel is one of the novel's themes. How is this theme being presented?

Choice P Discuss insights you have gained from the assigned reading. What have you learned and what do you think about it?

Choice Q Copy a humorous passage from the reading and explain why it is humorous. How does humor make the author's point more effective?

Choice R Show how a particular passage has foreshadowed something that occurs later. Describe both the later scene and the scene which foreshadowed it.

Choice S Discuss how a character's actions or words parallel something in your life. Explain what is similar and how it is similar.

Choice T Pretend you are one of the characters in the novel and write a letter to "Dear Abby" asking for advice for a difficult situation you are in. Then, write "Abby's" response to your character. Retain the "voice" and diction of the character.

Choice U Write a comparison between a character in the novel and someone in real life.

Choice V Write an interior monologue (thoughts) for a character in the novel. Be the character. What are you thinking at this point and why?

Choice W Examine the importance of a passage you just read to the rest of the novel. How does it relate to the novel so far?

Choice X Comment on the ending of the novel. Is it satisfactory? Would you change or add anything?

Choice Y Comment on the author's use of imagery to describe a scene.

Choice Z Create your own entry. Write a poem for a character, draw a symbol for an event and/or character and explain it, write another scene for a chapter, write a different ending for the novel, etcetera.

