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Exploring Maycomb's Lessons: A Journey through 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The title "To Kill a Mockingbird" symbolizes the idea of harming something innocent and pure. It suggests that harming the innocent is a grave injustice, much like harming a mockingbird, which only brings joy and beauty.
2. Maycomb reflects the racial and social attitudes of the 1930s South through its deeply ingrained racism, segregation, and the unjust treatment of Tom Robinson. Examples include the unfair trial and the town's reaction to Atticus defending a black man.
3. Scout evolves from a curious and sometimes judgmental child into a more empathetic and understanding girl. She learns to see the world from others' perspectives and values kindness.
4. Boo Radley's house represents isolation and mystery at the beginning but transforms into a place of safety and protection as Boo emerges to save Scout and Jem. It symbolizes the theme of not judging based on appearances.

