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Exploring the Purpose and Analysis of 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

Short Answer Key

1. Atticus Finch is a moral compass who teaches important lessons about justice, empathy, and doing what is right. His role is central to the novel's themes.
2. The mockingbird symbolizes innocence and the harm of harming the innocent. It serves as a powerful representation of the novel's key themes.
3. The loss of innocence theme is evident as Scout and Jem confront racism and prejudice, such as the trial of Tom Robinson and their realization of the town's injustices.
4. Societal norms and expectations in Maycomb are critiqued through the town's racist beliefs, the trial of Tom Robinson, and the community's judgment of characters like Boo Radley.
5. The trial of Tom Robinson serves as a vehicle for addressing and challenging racism and injustice by highlighting the racial bias in the legal system and the consequences of false accusations.

