**Project Choices:**

**1. Family Portrait (M)**

Use the characterization of each important character in Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* create a family portrait.

You must take into consideration thier looks, their personality traits and thier actions when creating this family portrait. You can:

a. Celebrities: Who would you cast to play these characters now and why? Connect to the book!

-photoshop/collage thier faces or bodies into a composition like the portrait on the right.

b. Animals

c. Form words to describe each character into a silouhette of each character in the portrait

d. Anything you can think of! Just get it approved by me.

**2. Mockingbird Mobiles (M)**

Create a mobile like that of Alexander Calder's work that represents the time period, the characters, the setting, any aspect/focus that you choose. Make sure your focus is clear through your symbols and write an accompanying 2-page paper to explain your choices. Your mobile does not have to be as challenging as Calder's of course, but put effort into it.

Pictures found at:

<http://www.squidoo.com/gregory-peck-classic-hollywood-leading-man>

<http://www.sodahead.com/fun/whos-your-favorite-to-kill-a-mockingbird-character/question-827395/?link=ibaf&q=&imgurl=http://images.sodahead.com/polls/000827395/polls_calpurnia_3811_320146_answer_7_xlarge.jpeg>

<http://www.delsjourney.com/news/news_01-08-30.htm>

<http://calder.org/work/category/hangingmobile/10.html>

**3.** **Singing As Sweetly As A Mockingbird (S)**

Find at least five songs that help tell the story of Harper Lee's novel. The songs can represent characters, symbols, or key parts of the novel. After you have selected 5 or more songs,print out the lyrics to each song and write a short 2-3 page analysis of why you think these songs represent the novel. Finally, burn the songs to a CD and design a cover you think would be appropriate for the soundtrack. Be prepared to give a 5 minute presentation on one song you chose and your cover design!

**4. I Need A Hero (S)**

Atticus Finch is portrayed a hero for justice in *To Kill A Mockingbird*. In a very similar manner, one might consider Skeeter Phelan or Aibileen Clark of *The Help* heroines for justice. Read *The Help* and make note of who you think is the best portrayal as a heroine for justice. Then create a fictional correspondence between Atticus Finch and your chosen character that speaks about social issues of the day. How would each character react? What sorts of things would they discuss? You can choose to have the correspondence happen over a series of letters (at least 4 letters, two from each character), a "transcript" of a phone call, or even a recorded podcast (must be at least 5 minutes long).

**5.** **Scene It? *To Kill a Mockingbird* Edition (J)**

Choose a particular scene from the novel that struck you or your group. Perform this scene for the class. Remember to include costumes, props, and background music! Once a scene is chosen, write a one page reflection as to why you chose this scene and what it contributes to the overall plot. Skit should be at least 5 minutes long and should include a printed out screenplay of the performance.

**6.** **Scout's Scrapbook**

Compile a 10 page scrapbook from the viewpoint of Scout. As the narrator and protagonist of *To Kill a Mockingbird,* Scout goes through a lot throughout the duration of the novel. The scrapbook could contain pictures of Scout's family members, journal entires that Scout may have kept throughout her life, or pages of Scout's favorite things. Be creative and remember to keep the scrapbook through the viewpoint of Scout! An alternative assignment could be to compile your scrapbook on www.mixbook.com. This is a virtual scrapbook that allows you to drop and drop pictures onto your favorite template to form a book.

**7. Does it snow in Alabama?!? Research the time period and setting of "To Kill a Mockingbird**

Atticus' open support of Tom Robinson as his lawyer is strictly against typical beliefs of most living in Maycomb County. Scout's tendency to wear trousers and run about with the boys is frowned upon by most women in her town. The town in which "To Kill a Mockingbird" takes place is a fictional one, but it certainly resembles real towns found in the South during the Great Depression in the United States. For this project, you should research this time period and present your findings in a format of your choice (Just be sure to get it approved by your teacher!) For example, you could create a wiki/blog about this time period or you could present it in a typical research-paper fashion. You could even create a Facebook page for this town and include your information through posts, pictures, and profile information. Aspects to consider while completing research: religious beliefs; place of women in society; racial segregation; the Great Depression; climate; the state of the legal system; the Southern caste system (social hierarchy based on family and hereditary); and whatever else you feel is pertinent to a better understanding of the setting of the novel.

**8. Create your own Text Set**

You know that a text set is a group of books read together in order to reinforce main ideas found within those texts. For this particular text set we chose books based around the theme of prejudice. For this project, you will create your own text set using a different theme found within "To Kill a Mockingbird." Choose one major theme found within the work, and then support that theme with other texts. These texts do not have to consist of only print books; you can choose websites, movies, songs, photographs, plays/musicals... anything that you feel expresses this theme in a vivid manner. Be sure to include at least 5 texts (no more than 2 websites please!). You may present your texts in any manner you'd like (Be sure to get it approved by your teacher!) Examples: a poster with drawings that represent the themes; a lecture presented with a PowerPoint or Prezi; a wiki like we completed for class; a paper format with summaries and paragraphs describing the connection between theme and text. No matter the format, you should turn in an explanation of why you chose each text along with a short description or summary of the text.