

## *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Context

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Thinking about the historical context of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a bit complicated. The book was published in 1960 (in the heat of the Civil Rights Movement) but takes place decades earlier during the Jim Crow Era.

To think about how this work of fiction relates to the real history, you will create a timeline of key terms and events. You must sort the terms into chronological order (from earliest to latest). Include the fictional events of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1933-1935) and the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960) in your timeline.



1963 March on Washington, Public Domain

### Terms and Events:

- Letter from Birmingham Jail
- The conviction of Edgar Ray Killen
- The trial of Bryant and Milam (CONTENT WARNING)
- Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
- The stories of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1933-1935)
- The Greensboro Sit-Ins
- Bloody Sunday on Pettus Bridge
- Harper Lee publishes *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960)
- Executive Order 9981
- The Black Panthers (founding)
- The Scottsboro Affair
- Loving v. Virginia

Use the table of on the back of this page to create your timeline. Make sure to...

- Sort the events chronologically from earliest to latest.
- Give a brief explanation of each event or term.
- Make connections to the novel.

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