

Role Playing Scenarios

Age: Mrs. Dubose

As you know, Mrs. Dubose is an elderly woman who is dying a slow, painful death. Her one, final request is that she die without being addicted to morphine. The children in the neighborhood are afraid of Mrs. Dubose and do not care to associate with her or call upon her for a visit. In the book, Jem is punished by having to read to Mrs. Dubose, which enables her to beat her addiction to morphine. Your group's task is to come up with a different philanthropic act that will minimize the prejudices that others hold of Mrs. Dubose, her age, and her situation.

Lifestyle: Boo Radley

Boo Radley is a recluse who lives an undesirable life. In the beginning of the novel, he is mocked, poked fun at, and humiliated by the children. He regards the children's activity as amusing and does not take offense at their innocence. He is also innocent in his inexperience and lack of exposure to life outside his home. He is regarded as a felonious suspect in everything that happens in Maycomb. The townspeople do not try to understand Boo Radley, rather they find it easier to ridicule and fear him. Your group's task is to come up with a philanthropic act that could help the people of Maycomb understand Boo and his lifestyle.

Gender: Scout

Scout is an opinionated, yet likable young girl. She was raised by her father. Her favorite companions are her older brother, Jem, and the neighbor's nephew, Dill. Quite often in the book, Jem and Dill gang up on Scout and tease her and call her names because she is a girl. Miss Maudie and Calpurnia are wonderful feminine influences on Scout, but she is still upset by the boy's teasing and taunting. Your group's task is to come up with a philanthropic act that could help Scout become more accepted in the eyes of Dill and Jem.

Race: Tom Robinson

Tom Robinson is a helpful man. He is eager to help others who are in need, no matter what the occasion or circumstance. Unfortunately, Tom is a black man accused of raping a white woman in the South in the 1930's. His fate is prison. Atticus does everything that he can to try to convince the jury of Tom's obvious innocence, but has no luck. Tom goes to prison and is shot trying to escape. Your group's task is to come up with a philanthropic act that could ease the tension between whites and blacks in Maycomb. This is no small task so think through your strategy and use your book and teacher as resources.



Physical Features: Dill Harris

When the reader first meets Dill, he visualizes a very small, yet pudgy seven-year-old with the mind of a fourteen-year-old. He has funny looking hair, clothes, and is small for his age. Jem and Scout even have trouble taking Dill seriously due to his appearance. Your group's task is to come up with a philanthropic act that could help someone like Dill overcome the prejudices that go with "looking different."

Religion: Miss Maudie Atkinson

Miss Maudie is one of the most likable characters in the novel. She is a religious woman but not a "foot-washing Baptist." Several times in the novel, she references her beliefs about religion. Many religious folks in Maycomb disapprove of the way Miss Maudie practices her religion. Your group's task is to come up with a philanthropic act that will help to ease the tensions of religious prejudice and enable Miss Maudie to practice religion her way, without the worry of judgment from others.

