A Study on To Kill a Mockingbird As 'One Book'

'한 권의 책'으로서 『앵무새 죽이기』에 관한 연구

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to understand the value of the book, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee as the most favored 'One Book' and the goals of the 'One Book, One City' programs which selected this particular book. A total of 86 'One Book' programs from 2001 through 2014 and 138 The Big Read programs from 2007 through 2015 selected To Kill a Mockingbird as 'One Book' to read. With this book, many communities discussed the sympathy toward the dignity of human being with such subjects as courage, justice, and integrity, and presented its value through book discussions, various programs and events.

Keywords

'One Book, One City' Reading Campaign; Reading Campaigns in the U.S.A.; The Big Read; To Kill a Mockingbird; One Book, One Chicago

References
In the first chapter, we are introduced to many of the main characters. The story is narrated by Jean Louise Finch who is usually called by her nickname, Scout. They live in Maycomb with their father, Atticus. The first chapter goes on about Simon Finch who fled England and established a farm. This farm was called Finch's Landing. Scout has a brother named Jeremy and is mainly called Jem. They meet a boy named Dill and they soon bond together. Down the road lives a family named the Radleys and the children are fascinated by Boo Radley. The children have heard stories about Boo stabbing his mother. The book was published in 1960, the book was defined as educational. It is studied by the school curriculum in the schools of America and has been loved for several generations. Finch expresses his method of education so: if he does not take on the cause of Tom, knowing for sure about the false accusation, he will not be able to demand obedience from his children. An example of a father is a standard that children trust him because he has an impeccable reputation. To Kill a Mockingbird means to destroy innocence. Throughout the book, several characters can be identified as mocking-innocent people who were struck by evil. The main idea of the "To Kill a Mockingbird" is social prejudice and its harmful consequences. This study guide for 'To Kill a Mockingbird' provides key information about the plot, characters, themes, and literary style of Harper Lee's classic novel. Scout initially believes that there is always a clear right and wrong in every situation; as she grows older, she begins to understand more about the world around her and begins to value reading and education more. Atticus Finch. Scout's widower father is an attorney.