

To Kill a Mockingbird Character Mandala



Character: _____

Name: _____ Period: _____

To Kill a Mockingbird

Character Mandala

Mandala is a Sanskrit word meaning *center* and *circle*.
 It conveys the notion that any center is tied to its circumference
 and any circumference is always determined by its center.
 Together they represent wholeness.

Task: Choose a character from the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* upon which you wish to create a mandala. Consider the characteristics your character displays and what happens to him or her. Look at the color symbolism chart and circle any of the characteristics that fit your character. Think about one characteristic that you consider most important, but also, since characters are complex, make sure you have chosen from at least three different colors. Color in your mandala with the colors that symbolize the characteristics. For example, if the predominant characteristic of a character is confidence, you may want to use more blue in the mandala or use blue mainly at the center of the graphic.

Once your mandala is completed, type a one page essay containing the following: a brief introduction of your character, explanation of what each color represents on the mandala, examples from the plot illustrating the character traits, and the significance of each color's placement on the mandala.

Due date: _____

Color Symbolism	
Writers often use colors symbolically. If you study the list below, you will see that the same color can symbolize both positives and negatives.	
Red	Excitement, energy, passion, speed, strength, power, heat, love, marriage (in Eastern cultures), aggression, danger, fire, blood, war, violence
Yellow	Joy, happiness, optimism, idealism, imagination, hope, sunshine, gold, philosophy, dishonesty, cowardice, betrayal, jealousy, covetousness, deceit, illness, hazard
Blue	Peace, tranquility, calm, stability, harmony, unity, trust, truth, confidence, conservatism, security, cleanliness, order, loyalty, cold, technology, depression
Orange	Energy, balance, warmth, enthusiasm, vibrancy, expansiveness, flamboyance, demands for attention
Green	Nature, environment, health, good luck, renewal, youth, vigor, spring, generosity, jealousy, inexperience, envy
Purple	Royalty, spirituality, nobility, ceremony, mystery, transformation, wisdom, enlightenment, cruelty, arrogance, mourning
Gray	Security, reliability, intelligence, modesty, dignity, maturity, solidity, conservatism, practicality, old age, sadness, boredom
Brown	Earth, hearth, home, outdoors, reliability, comfort, endurance, stability, simplicity
White	Reverence, purity, simplicity, cleanliness, peace, humility, precision, innocence, youth, birth, winter, snow, good, marriage (in Western cultures), death (in Eastern cultures), cold
Black	Power, sophistication, formality, elegance, wealth, mystery, fear, evil, anonymity, unhappiness, depth, style, evil, sadness, remorse, anger, underground, mourning, death (in Western cultures)