

Chapters Three and Four
Standards Focus: Setting

To Kill a Mockingbird is set during the 1930s, also called the Depression Era, in the fictional town of Maycomb, Alabama. Throughout Chapters 1-4, Lee gives the reader details of the social and political atmosphere of life in the South during the Depression. In other words, the setting is not only the time and place in which a story takes place, but also the social atmosphere (i.e., the way things are done, how people treat one another, religion, and class structure) and the political atmosphere (i.e. the laws, government, and "rules" of a society).

Directions: Complete the chart below, quoting examples from Chapters 1-4 of the text that illustrate the time and place of the setting, including the social and political atmosphere. Be sure to include the page number, and a brief explanation of what you learned about this society based upon the excerpt you chose. An example has been done for you. If you need more room to write, use a separate sheet of paper.

Pg.	Quote from Text	Explanation
5	"People moved slowly then. They ambled across the square, shuffled in and out of the stores around it, took their time about everything. A day was twenty-four hours long but seemed longer. There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County."	This is an indication of the social and political setting. The people of Maycomb are poor. They do not rush around like we do today. They do not hurry anywhere, because they really have nowhere to go. People don't ever really leave Maycomb County.