

Character Memory Box Due: Friday, February 10th



You will be creating a memory box for the character Scout, Jem, or Dill from the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Memory boxes are decorative boxes, which contain personal items important to their owner.

The outside of the box:

You should decorate the outside of the box such as a shoebox with pictures, text, drawings, magazine clippings, or small objects that reflect the character. Your character's memory box must be decorated to reflect a rite-of- passage that the character goes through. Be sure to include the character's name. The box should illustrate the world of your character. Be sure to focus on time, place, sights, sounds, and smells of the character's childhood setting. If you prefer, you can make a wooden box and decorate with carvings or etching, but it still must be decorated.

The inside of the box:

Inside the box, you need to place items that your character would value. You can use real items as long as they are **not modern** or create fake items such as letters, photographs, postcards and souvenirs. **For fake items, take the time to make them look good and seem realistic for the time period.** Remember the research you conducted for the 1930s letter. **Don't just fold a sheet of paper and call it a note or stick a modern newspaper in the box.** Remember that you will need to explain why you included them in the presentation. You must have **five** items significant or symbolic from the character's childhood. **Do not use the items in Scout's cigar box or the items in the knothole! Do not use screen shots from the movie! Be original!**

You must also complete the Character Memory Box worksheet.

Presentation

Final Memory boxes will be presented to the class. You will need to explain your decorations and the items you included in your box in a brief presentation.

Decoration of Memory box	Content of Memory box	Presentation	Memory Box Worksheet
20	30	10	40

Character Memory Box Checklist

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- Character's name is on the memory box
- The box is decorated with pictures, text, drawings, magazine clippings, or small objects
- You have **five** items significant or symbolic from the character's childhood
- You **did not** use the items in Scout's cigar box, the items in the knothole, or screen shots from the movie
- You completed the biographical information: Character's name, Character's age, Character's place of birth, Character's family life, Character's interests, and Character's basic visual description.
- You completed a written explanation for why the pictures, decorations, and words would appeal to your character
- For each of the **five** items, you have listed what the item is, where it came from (or significance) in the story, and why it is special to the character. What events have occurred? What might your character keep to remember these events?
- You have prepare note card in order to present the Memory box
- You have put your name on the memory box and the written explanation