**TKAM Essay Plan-Fascinating Character (Atticus)**

**Question**

Choose a novel or a short story in which the author creates a fascinating character.

By referring to appropriate techniques, show how the author has created this character and why you found him/her so fascinating.

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| **INTRO**  **Title**  'To Kill A Mockingbird'  **Author**  Harper Lee  **Summary**  Set in 1930s Deep South, in fictional town on Maycomb, Alabama. Narrated through the eyes of Scout Finch as she grows older (bildungsroman); focuses on key moment in Atticus' Finch life-career-changing court case defending black man in prejudiced community  **Task**  Lee creates fascinating character in form of Atticus-well respected member of community, who goes against deep-seated values of community in favour of moral beliefs  **Explain techniques-**  Characterisation, key incident, symbolism, conflict | **MP1-Characterisation**  **Point**  **Context**  **Quotation**  “You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view—” “Sir?” “—until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”  **Explanation**  **Link** |
| **MP2-Symbolism**  **Point**  **Context**  **Quotation**  “’…shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit ‘em, but remember it’s a sin to kill a mockingbird.’  …’mockingbirds don’t do one thing but make music for us to enjoy…but sing their hearts out for us.”  **Explanation**  **Link** | **MP3-Key Incident**  **Point**  **Context**  **Quotation**  “‘I’m no idealist to believe firmly in the integrity of our courts and in the jury system...A court is only as sound as its jury, and a jury is only as sound as the men who make it up.’  **Explanation**  **Quotation**  “‘As you grow older, you’ll see white men cheat black men every day of your life, but let me tell you something and don’t you forget it—whenever a white man does that to a black man, no matter who he is, how rich he is, or how fine a family he comes from, that white man is trash.’”  **Explanation**  **Link** |
| **MP4-key incident**  **Point**  **Context**  **Quotation**  "'Atticus, he was real nice. . . .” His hands were under my chin, pulling up the cover, tucking it around me. “Most people are, Scout, when you finally see them.”  **Explanation**  **Link** | **CONCLUSION**  **Summarise points made**  **Evaluate writer's message (link to themes)**  **Refer back to Q**  **Vary expression**  **Express an opinion** |