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*To Kill a Mockingbird* Character Rant Brainstorm

**\*Directions: Complete the following brainstorm activity to help decide an issue or topic for your rant.**

1. **WHAT** issues or topics really bother you? **\*Please choose at least FIVE issues/topics and give examples of each of the FIVE issues/topics.** What would you consider a “pet peeve”? (For example: Mrs. Lansdale’s pet peeve is when other people leave trash in my car! Ms. Kromalic’s pet peeve is when other people talk about themselves in a conversation instead of asking about you! ) **\*Other issues or subjects could be people who chew with their mouth open, people who are always late, nail biters, line jumping (like at Kings Island), or people who interrupt you while you are talking.**

2. **WHY** does this issue or topic bother you?

3. **WHY** does this issue or topic need to change?

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4. Think of someone who might hold the OPPOSITE view on this issue or topic. How might they defend their viewpoint? (For example, Perhaps other people might suggest that I put a trash can or keep a trash bag in my car so they have somewhere to throw their trash away.

5. **HOW** would you argue these points?

6. Choose ONE of your own pet peeves and explain it to your partner. Complete the grading rubric for your partner.

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**\*Pet Peeve Grading Rubric:**

3-Consistently-it was perfect all the way through

2-Sometimes-the effort was evident but some parts were unclear.

1-Never/Almost Never-keep working on it.

Criteria	3	2	1
Did your partner explain the pet peeve with at least ONE example?			
Was the explanation and example clear?			
Did the person speak clearly and slow enough to understand?			
Did your partner maintain eye contact when speaking?			

**\*TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ / 12**

**\*Who listened to your rant? \_\_\_\_\_**