

To Kill a Mockingbird Character Rant Outline

*Character Rant Requirements:

- List any issues/topics from the novel.
- List which characters are involved in these issues/topics. *Hint: Use your CHARACTER DESCRIPTION CHART.
- Choose a character from the novel.
- Choose a scene from the novel as an issue/topic for your rant. *For example, Scout and people who waste food (Walter Cunningham for instance when he drowns his food in syrup.)
- After you choose a character and an issue/topic from the novel, you must create your rant with the characteristics listed below (complete the outline).
 - Remember, a **rant** is an out of control, aggressive ramble from someone who is upset about something; a monologue that is used to satirize some aspect of human nature that the speaker wants to criticize
 - Rant Characteristics:
 - An issue/topic in which you are passionate.
 - Includes at least **ONE** example with **ONE** explanation.
 - Includes a strong opening that focuses on the rant.
 - Uses verbal irony.
 - Has an effective closing that leaves the listener with something to think about.
- Once your outline is completed, you need to create a slide with your rant so you can present it to the class.

*OUTLINE EXAMPLE 1:

1. Issue/Topic: Racism and how this affects his life
2. *TKM* Character: Tom Robinson
3. Introduction:
 - a. How will you grab the audience's attention? (What is your main claim?)
Racism is a problem BECAUSE...
 - b. How will you focus your rant? (Transitions)
4. Body:
 - a. In what order will you present your ideas/examples? (Evidence/Examples)
I was accused of beating and raping Mayella Ewell.

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b. What supporting evidence/details will you use to back them up? (Explanations)
Mayella had asked me to do work for her in the past and then all the sudden one day she tried to kiss me and now here I am in court.

c. How will you include verbal irony into your rant? (Context)
Some of the previous jobs she asked me to do were cut wood for her and carry it into the house. I did these jobs because I felt sorry for her. She didn't seem to have much help around the house.

5. Conclusion:

a. How will you close your rant? (Conclusion/Wrap-up)
I know most of you look at me and think that because I am a colored man, I appear guilty, but remember, we are dealing with the Ewell family in Maycomb county.

b. What questions or ideas will you leave your audience with? (Conclusion/Wrap-up)
In dealing with this family, what I mean is that they are a poor family with very little education and perhaps it has been proven that Mr. Ewell is the one who beat his own daughter and not me, since I do not have the use of my left arm.

***OUTLINE EXAMPLE 2:**

1. Issue/Topic: People who waste food.

2. TKM Character: Scout

3. Introduction:

a. How will you grab the audience's attention? (What is your main claim?)
Ever wonder why there are so many wasteful people in the world? There are wasteful people in the world BECAUSE people do not eat what is provided in front of them.

b. How will you focus your rant? (Transitions)
For example

4. Body:

a. In what order will you present your ideas/examples? (Evidence/Examples)
Walter Cunningham was invited over to dinner at my house one evening and he poured syrup all over his dinner.

b. What supporting evidence/details will you use to back them up? (Explanations)
Walter Cunningham probably doesn't even have syrup at his own house so I figured he must have asked for it because it is a rarity to him.

c. How will you include verbal irony into your rant? (Context)

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I told Atticus that he (Walter) was just being wasteful and ridiculous pouring all that syrup all over his dinner, but then Cal lectured me privately in the kitchen about my manners toward guests. I was so mad, I just wanted to punch Walter right in the face!

5. Conclusion:

a. How will you close your rant? (Conclusion/Wrap-up)

After Calpurnia lectured me, I suppose I should have apologized to the poor kid, but after all, he is still a Cunningham, who doesn't know any better.

b. What questions or ideas will you leave your audience with? (Conclusion/Wrap-up)

Maybe Walter was embarrassed by my outburst, but to be honest, he really should not have drowned his food in syrup like that. It's not normal behavior. Why should I have to use my manners at the dinner table, if other kids don't have to use their manners at the table? Seems like a double standard, right?