

## To Kill a Mockingbird – Plot Structure

Use the table below to learn the structure of the novel - this shows you the main events in each chapter.

Year	Time of year	Chapter	What happens
Part 1			
1933	Early summer	1	Introduction. Arrival of Dill. Children try to get Boo to come out.
	September	2	Scout starts school: Miss Caroline Fisher. Description of Cunningham family.
	September	3	Burriss Ewell upsets Miss Caroline. Ewells described.
1934	Late spring/early summer	4	Boo leaves gifts in tree. Dill comes back to Maycomb.
	Late spring/early summer	5	Children attempt to send Boo a letter.
	Late summer	6	Children try to spy on Boo.
	October/November	7	Boo leaves more gifts. Hole is filled with cement. Tom arrested for alleged rape (November 21st).
	Winter	8	Cold winter. Snow in Maycomb. Miss Maudie's house burns.
	Christmas	9	Atticus agrees to defend Tom Robinson. Scout fights Cousin Francis.
1935	February	10	Atticus shoots Tim Johnson (a rabid dog).
	Spring	11	Jem beheads Mrs. Dubose's camellias and has to read to her. She overcomes her morphine addiction and dies.
Part 2			
	Summer	12	Children go to First Purchase church with Calpurnia. Aunt Alexandra arrives.
	Summer	13	Aunt Alexandra entertains Maycomb's ladies.
	Summer	14	Dill returns to Maycomb.
	Summer	15	The Old Sarum mob tries to lynch Tom. Scout intervenes and unwittingly saves him.
	Summer	16	The trial begins. The children sit in the black people's balcony.
	Summer	17	Heck Tate (sheriff) testifies, followed by Bob Ewell.
	Summer	18	Mayella Ewell testifies.
	Summer	19	Tom Robinson testifies. Dill cries at the cross-examination of Tom.
	Summer	20	Scout and Dill meet Dolphus Raymond outside. Atticus sums up for the defence. The children are found to be in the court.
	Summer	21	The jury returns a verdict of guilty on Tom..
	Summer	22	Jem cries at the verdict. Atticus receives presents from black community. Bob Ewell spits at Atticus and vows revenge.
	Summer	23	Atticus is not frightened by Bob's threat.

	August	24	The missionary circle meets for tea. News comes of Tom's death.
	September	25	School starts again. Miss Gates teaches about Hitler and the Jews.
	September	26	B.B. Underwood writes an editorial on Tom's death.
	October	27	Bob Ewell attempts revenge on Judge Taylor and Helen Robinson. Atticus is not worried. A pageant is planned.
	October	28	Jem and Scout go to the pageant. Bob attacks them, but they are rescued. Bob is found dead at the scene.
	October	29	Scout describes the attack - Boo is revealed as the children's saviour.
	October	30	Atticus thinks Jem has killed Bob Ewell. Heck Tate proves that it was Boo.
	October	31	Boo and Scout go to see Jem. Scout takes Boo home.
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