

**Pre-reading questions** Before reading the book, answer the following questions.

1. What is your definition of "a man"?
2. This novel takes place in the South in the 1940's. List (in bullet style) 10 facts you know about this time period. If you do not know this information on your own, you can use the internet.
3. What are your feelings about capital punishment (death by execution)?
4. An adage goes "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Yet in reality we all know the power of hurtful words. How can words hurt?