**Harper Lee Biographical Notes**

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**Write down the answers to each question in your notes. You will need to write complete sentences!**

1. When and where was Nelle Harper Lee born?

2. How did she get the name “Nelle”?

3. What were her parents’ occupations? What case did her father lose

4. What was Harper Lee like as a child?

5. When was “To Kill a Mockingbird” published?

6. What award did “TKAM” win and in what year?

7. What other books did Harper Lee write?

8. Who was Harper Lee’s childhood best friend (and the model for Dill in TKAM)? What happened with their friendship?

9. During the writing of the novel, what happened that could have prevented the book from ever being published?

10. What did Nelle use as the working title of the book for a long time?

*"Writing is a process of self-discipline you must learn before you can call yourself a writer. There are people who write, but I think they're quite different from people who must write."*  
—Harper Lee from a 1964 interview