*To Kill A Mockingbird*, Part One Writing Assignment: **Due: January 2nd**

**Directions: For EACH of the two topics below, respond in TWO complete paragraphs (of 5-7 sentences each). That means you need a total of FOUR paragraphs!**

**\*\*\*\*For this assignment, please TYPE in Times New Roman, 12point font, double spaced.**

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* **Topic 1:** Why is it a sin to kill a mockingbird? How are mockingbirds different from other birds?

After analyzing the meaning of Atticus' statement about mockingbirds, choose a character from the novel you believe may be a *metaphorical* mockingbird. Support your explanation with evidence from the novel.

* **Topic 2:** Do you think Mrs. Dubose is a courageous character? Why or why not?

If you think she is courageous, what type of courage does she demonstrate? What adversity (def: distress; affliction; hardship) does she face? If not, why do you think her actions fail to be courageous? Justify your position with details from the novel. Use specific examples and/or quotes to support your ideas.

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***Grading Rubric:***

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|  | Points Possible | Points Earned |
| Correct Format (TNR, 12pt, double spaced) | 5 |  |
| Correct Length (four paragraphs of 5-7 sentences each) | 5 |  |
| Topic 1 completely answered | 10 |  |
| Topic 2 completely answered | 10 |  |
| Grammar and Spelling | 5 |  |
| Creativity/ originality of thought | 5 |  |
| **TOTAL** | 40 |  |