

**Film and Literature:
Themes found in To Kill a Mockingbird and The Help**

As we watch the movie The Help, look for the examples of the themes we studied when we read To Kill a Mockingbird. Once we are done viewing the film and collecting examples, we will discuss how the themes were treated in each medium. You will use your notes when you write your essay, so be thorough!

Below is a brief list of the primary characters in the movie. Knowing their names will help you to know the characters quickly and to take accurate notes.

A Brief Character List for The Help

Setting: Jackson, Mississippi 1962 - 1964

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHARACTERS	THE CAUCASIAN CHARACTERS
Aibileen Clark - A maid and nanny, she is the first maid Skeeter interviews for her book. Aibileen works for Elizabeth Leefolt.	Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan - Skeeter is an unusual woman for this time and place; unmarried and independent, she wants to be a journalist. Her parents are Charlotte and Carlton Phelan. Her brother's name is Carlton Jr.
Minnie Jackson - Minnie is a maid with a mind of her own and a sharp tongue, which often gets her into trouble with her white employers. She is friends with Aibileen.	Elizabeth Leefolt - Elizabeth employs Aibileen to clean her house and watch her daughter, Miss Molly . She is best friends with Hilly and Skeeter, but is easily led by Hilly. Rakigh Leefolt is her husband.
Constantine Bates - Constantine was Skeeter's kind nanny when she was growing up. Skeeter views her as a mother figure, and loves Constantine deeply.	Hilly Holbrook - Hilly is the childhood friend of Skeeter and Elizabeth. She is accustomed to being in charge and getting her way. When crossed, she is a dangerous foe (as even her mother finds out). She is married to William Holbrook .
Yule May Creech - Yule May is Hilly's maid. She goes to jail for stealing a ring from Hilly; her misadventure prompts the other maids to unite and help Skeeter.	Celia Foote - Celia is a new resident of the town. The other white women won't have anything to do with her; she has no friends other than Minny, whom she secretly likes. Her husband Johnny loves her very much.
	Elaine Stein - Harper & Row Publishing house editor, she encourages Skeeter to finish her book.

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