**A Timeline of Events Related to the Novel *To Kill a Mockingbird***

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| **Year** | **Time Period** | **Ch.** | **Event** |
| 1883 |  |  | Atticus Finch is born |
| 1923 |  |  | Jeremy Atticus “Jem” Finch is born |
| 1926 | April 28 |  | Nelle Harper Lee is born in Monroeville, Alabama |
| 1927 |  |  | Jean Louise “Scout” Finch is born |
| 1928 |  |  | Atticus Finch’s wife, a “Graham from Montgomery,” dies |
| 1929 |  |  | The Depression begins in the United States |
| 1931 | March 25 |  | The “Scottsboro Boys” are arrested |
| 1933 | January 30 |  | Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany |
|  | Summer | 1 | Atticus and Calpurnia are raising Scout and Jem. Dill comes to visit his Aunt Rachel. He and the Finch children keep watch on the Radley house. |
|  | Late August | 1 | Dill decides to make Boo come out of the Radley house |
|  | September | 2 | Dill returns home. Scout starts 1st grade.  |
|  |  | 3 | Walter comes to dinner. |
|  |  | 4 | Boo leaves 2 pieces of chewing gum in the Radley’s oak tree. |
| 1934 | Late Spring | 4 | Jem and Scout find a small box containing two polished pennies |
|  | Late August | 6 | Jem, Scout, and Dill try to look in Boo’s window. Nathan Radley fires a shotgun. |
|  | October | 7 | Scout starts 2nd grade. Jem and Scout find soap carvings of a boy and girl in the knothole |
|  | the next week | 7 | They find a spelling medal |
|  | four days later | 7 | They find a pocket watch, chain, and knife |
|  | next morning | 7 | The knothole is filled with cement |
|  | November 21 |  | Tom Robinson arrested  |
|  | that winter | 8 | Mrs. Radley dies |
|  | the next day | 8 | Snow. Jem turns the snowman into a caricature of Mr. Avery |
|  | 1:00 a.m. | 8 | Miss Maudie’s house burns down; Boo puts a blanket around Scout’s shoulders |
|  | before Christmas |  | Atticus agrees to defend Tom Robinson |
|  | Christmas | 9 | Cousin Francis calls Atticus a “nigger lover”; Scout fights him |
|  | winter | 10 | Atticus shoots a mad dog in the street |
| 1935 | late winter | 11 | Jem is punished for cutting off Mrs. Dubose’s camellias |
|  | 2 months later | 11 | Mrs. Dubose dies |
|  | that summer | 12 | Jem & Scout go to Calpurnia’s church; Aunt Alexandra moves in |
|  |  | 14 | Dill returns to Maycomb |
|  | before the trial | 15 | Atticus and the children stop a lynch mob at the jail |
|  | during the trial | 16-21 | Scout, Jem, and Dill sit in the balcony. Testimony. Talk with Dolphus Raymond. Calpurnia comes to court. Tom R. is found guilty. |
|  | next morning | 22 | Calpurnia discovers gifts of food on the porch |
|  | late August | 24 | Lunching with the ladies of Maycomb |
|  | late August | 24 | Tom Robinson is shot attempting to escape from prison |
|  | fall | 26 | Cecil Jacobs brings in a current events article about Hitler persecuting the Jews in Germany |
|  | mid-October | 27 | Bob Ewell loses his job, leaves a hate note at the judge’s home, and stalks Helen Robinson. Scout prepares for a part in the Halloween pageant. |
|  | October 31 | 28-30 | Ewell attacks Scout and Jem; Boo stabs Ewell. Scout sees Boo and escorts him home. |
| 1948 | January 27 |  | William Horner is killed and his wife attacked, leading to the roundup and jailing of the “Trenton Six” |
| 1955 | August 28 |  | Emmett Till is kidnapped, tortured, and murdered in Money, Miss. |
| 1957 |  |  | *To Kill a Mockingbird* is first submitted to publishers. |
| 1960 |  |  | *To Kill a Mockingbird* is published, and wins the 1961 Pulitzer Prize |
| 1961 | May 4 |  | The Freedom Riders depart on a bus from Washington, D.C. |
| 1962 |  |  | The film version of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is released |
| 1963 | June 12 |  | Medgar Evers assassinated |
| 1964 | June 21 |  | “Freedom Summer” in Mississippi. Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney murdered in Philadelphia, Miss. |

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