

## *To Kill A Mockingbird – Allusions*

### **Chapter 1**

Battle of Hastings

a decisive battle in the Norman Conquests of England in 1066

Cornwall

a country at the southwest tip of England

Flivver

Model-T Ford

John Wesley

(1702-1791) founder of the Methodist Church

Merlin

King Arthur's advisor, prophet and magician

No money to buy it with

Great Depression

Nothing to fear but fear itself

President F. D. Roosevelt's first Inaugural Address

Stumphole whiskey

bootleg whisky hidden in the holes of tree stumps

### **Chapter 2**

Bullfinch

Bullfinch's Mythology, collection of Greek myths

Diaries of Lorenzo Dow

(1777-1834) Methodist preacher

Union suit

one-piece underwear with a buttoned flap in the back

### **Chapter 3**

Man who sat on a flagpole

flagpole sitting was a 1930s fad

### **Chapter 4**

Indian-heads

Indian head pennies, before the Lincoln penny

One Man's Family

a radio series, like a soap opera, began in 1932

### **Chapter 5**

Old Testament pestilence

condition that causes damage/death, plague of locusts in the Bible

Second Battle of the Marne

World War I battle

### **Chapter 8**

Appomattox

where General Lee surrendered to General Grant

Bellingraths

family gardens opened to the public in 1932

Lane cake

rich white cake

Rosetta Stone

three languages written on the stone in 196 BC , helped historians decipher Egyptian Hieroglyphs

General Hood

Lieutenant-General of the Confederate Army

House of Commons

lower branch of legislature in Great Britain

Let the cup pass from you

avoiding your fate

Lord Melbourne

(1779-1848) Queen Victoria's first Prime Minister, reputation for being a ladies' man

Missouri Compromise (1820)

Missouri admitted to the Union as a slave state

Ol' Blue Light

Stonewall Jackson, Confederate lieutenant-general

## **Chapter 11**

Dixie Howell

University of Alabama football player in the 1930s

Ivanhoe

novel of the Crusades by Sir Walter Scott

## **Chapter 12**

Blackstone's Commentaries

important book written on British law

Brown's Mule

brand of chewing tobacco

Castile

type of soap

Garden of Gethsemane

where Jesus prayed the night before crucifixion

Hunt's The Light of the World

well-known painting of Jesus

Shadrach

in the Bible he was thrown into a blazing furnace but escaped unharmed because of his faith in God

## **Chapter 13**

Lydia E. Pinkham

maker/manufacturer of patent medicines, usually contained liberal amounts of alcohol

Rice Christians

Christian converts from third-world nations

## **Chapter 15**

Battlement

low wall with open spaces on the top of a castle wall or fort

Flying buttresses

support connected to a building by an arch

Jitney Jungle

supermarket chain

Snipe hunt

practical joke, like a wild goose chase

## **Chapter 16**

Braxton Bragg – commander of Western Confederate army with a less-than-distinguished military career

William Jennings Bryan – (1860-1925) lawyer, politician, and famous orator, drew huge crowds

## **Chapter 17**

Shotgun hall

hallway that leads directly from the front door to the back door

## **Chapter 18**

Mr. Jingle

character in Dicken's novel who expresses himself in sentence fragments

## **Chapter 20**

Distaff side of the Executive branch

reference to FDR's wife Eleanor Roosevelt, often criticized for her views on civil rights

## **Chapter 26**

Elmer Davis

journalist and CBS radio commentator, eventually headed the Office of War Information

Holy-roller

member of a religious sect that expresses devotion by shouting and moving during worship services

Uncle Natchell Story

cartoon mascot for a fertilizer product

## **Chapter 27**

Bob Taylor

Robert Love Taylor, late 19<sup>th</sup> Century orator and politician

Ad Astra Per Aspera

Latin for "To the stars through difficulties"

Cotton Tom Heflin

orator and Republican politician, drew support from rural voters and KKK members

Dog Victrolas

advertising symbol of RCA/Victor, dog looking into horn of a gramophone

Ladies' Law

law from Criminal Code of Alabama outlawing bad language in the presence of women

Nine old men

members of the Supreme Court

National Recovery Act (NRA)

programs to help the nation recover from the Great Depression

WPA

Work Progress Administrations, government program for employment during the Great Depression