**Setting the Stage:   A Mini‐Research Project**

Before we begin reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, it is important that you familiarize yourselves with the

setting of the novel.  As we will discuss, the **setting of a piece of literature involves the background,**

**atmosphere or environment(context) in which characters live and move**.  In the case of the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the setting is the American South during the 1930’s.  While that may seem like enough,

there is actually much more to it: During the 1930’s there were many issues relating to race, class and

gender that are introduced in the novel.  In order to better understand the setting of the novel and the

issues that the characters are faced with, you will have the opportunity to research and then present to

the class.

✓These presentations should be **3‐5 minutes** long which means that you will have to *choose which*

*information is  most important for the class to know and what things can be left out.*

✓You are also required to have a **visual** that goes along with your presentation.  You don’t have to do a

PowerPoint.  Your visual can be a video clip, a slide show or anything else that represents and enhances

your overall  presentation.