

Activity 2. Part 2: Trial Characters Compared (Teacher’s Version)

Using the evidence gathered on your character set in Activity 2. Worksheet Part 1, Trial Character Traits, enter the difference and similarities for your corresponding characters in the proper spaces below. Complete the characters comparison as the groups share their findings in the whole class discussion.

Scottsboro Boys trial, 1933	Comparisons	To Kill a Mockingbird trial
<p>Haywood Patterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one defendant of eight accused • defiant against authority and militant • moody, emotional • loner, vagrant, not part of the community • in the wrong place at the wrong time 	<p>as compared to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Americans born poor • falsely accused of rape • intelligent 	<p>Tom Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sole defendant • mild mannered and respectful of authority • church-going, married and part of the community • let himself be drawn into the situation
<p>Samuel Leibowitz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York City resident—always viewed as an outsider to the general populace • flamboyant — given to drama in and out of the courtroom 	<p>as compared to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excellent lawyers • intellectuals, readers • both “outsiders” of sorts • thorough approach to the case • realistic while striving for the ideal, no prejudice • respectful of sitting judge • intense cross examination of plaintiff (s) and other witnesses • courageous in the face of threats to their lives • provide full legal representation pro bono 	<p>Atticus Finch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local resident of the town—still viewed as an outsider to the general populace • low key and level approach in and out of the courtroom
<p>Judge James E. Horton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distinguished appearance, consciously alert • casual • easy-going, well liked • overturns verdict, ends his career 	<p>as compared to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • well respected in the legal community and by the general public • learned in the law • devoted to equal justice for all under the law • soothing manner calms inflamed courtroom • courageous and un-swayed by public opinion or other concerns, evidence-based approach to the trial 	<p>Judge John Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appears to be dozing, but is actually alert and fully aware • formal • serious, but not stern • upholds verdict, continues career