

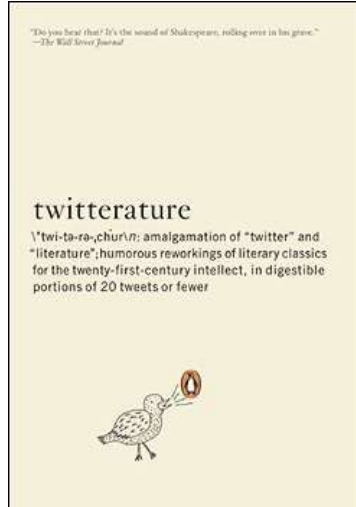
APPENDIX G



Twitterature

This book is a humorous take on many of the more popular, or classic, stories you have read in or out of class since you've been in high school. The authors, Alexander Aciman and Emmett Rensin, explain their purpose for this book in the introduction:

“We take these Great Works and present their most essential elements, distilled into the voice of Twitter – *the social networking tool that with its limit of 140 characters a post (including spaces) has refined to its purest form the instant-publishing, short-attention-span, all-digital-all-the-time, self-important age of info-deluge* – and give you everything you need to master the literature of the civilized world.”



In other words, this book takes the stories and makes them short, easy to understand, easy to access, and written in the same style that Twitter is written in. Often the stories are a bit more ‘rude’ than what you’ve originally read, so keep in mind that these stories are rewritten based on the new authors’ ideas about the books.

The story we will look at is one that you read in 9th grade, *To Kill a Mockingbird* originally written by Harper Lee.

To Kill a Mockingbird
By Harper Lee

@BooScout

[1] Thanks to Andrew Jackson, a series of commotions occurred resulting in my brother's arm being broken, dashing his hopes of gridiron glory.

[2] More specifically, it all started when this wise-ass convinced us we should draw the town freak out of his basement.

[3] Jem and Dill and I keep leaving him gifts, but he won't come out. But we're so young and innocent.

[4] My brother has to babysit a morphine addict. She's ninety. It seems sketchy to me, but Dad says we just have to do it.

[5] Why does Dad say such LAME shit? I don't want to walk a mile in ANYONE else's shoes. Toe jam, nail fungus, athlete's foot anybody? Gosh.

[6] Dad always preaches about the 'right thing' and stuff. What does a heroic, moral single father/populist lawyer know about the right thing?

[7] If I didn't know better, I'd say he was fighting for the REDS. Dirty pinko bastard.

[8] My dad has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson. More like Uncle Tom Robinson, if you ask me. Tom accused of raping a woman, but I'm pretty sure they just got it on. Can't a brother get some tush?

[9] Went to the trial. Tom seems innocent. Also, it occurs that our town is full of racists. Perhaps only the eyes of a child can see the truth.

[10] Is it weird that the youngest, least worldly-wise person in town comprehends reality most clearly? It's an insightful irony.

[11] Dad totally embarrassed Boozer Bob. I'm sure this won't come back to bite us in some way. Also sure sun rises in the west.

[12] A woman's house burned down. It was pretty sad watching her entire life go up in smoke and flames, except that fire is so AWESOME.

[13] All-white jury convicted Tom. That was surprising. I figured ten minutes of deliberation meant that the verdict was close.

[14] Dad out all night at the jailhouse. I don't really have a comment. He's a pretty cool guy. Good looking too, like Gregory Peck.

[15] Please wear green in solidarity with Tom Robinson. He's totally, like, our Neda.

[16] Uh oh. I think my innocence is gone. Also, Boozer Bob stalking us everywhere. It's getting kind of creepy.

[17] On the way home. Hard to move fast in giant, silly costume. Is that Boozer Bob behind us again?

[18] Long story short: Boozer Bob stalked us, tried to stab us, but Boo Radley FINALLY left the basement. Not sure what happened, but we're OK.

[19] Boo Radley makes men fall on their own swords. He's like Octavian Caesar, and Boozer Bob is like Cassius with a brewski and gout.

Work with a partner and consider the questions below about this story compared to the original. Take notes and we will discuss as a class what you've decided.

***To Kill a Mockingbird* Questions**

How is this story different than the original?

How is it the same?

Who is the author?

Do the tweets give all the important information?

Is there anything that you think was left out in this version?

What changes would you make?

Which tweet do you think was the best?

Which tweet was the worst?

Did this help you to remember the book?

Do you think that this is helpful for someone to read if they don't understand the story?

Do you think all books should be 'Tweeted?'