Judgment

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them” Mother Teresa. Boo Radley was always being judged and looked at by Jem and Scout. In Harper Lee’s historical fiction book *to Kill a Mockingbird* is about a brother and sister coming of age through growing up with southern injustice, when their father attempts to free a black man accused of raping a white woman. Boo is accused of being mean, terrifying and bad, when Boo is actually nice and caring. Throughout *to Kill a Mockingbird* Harper Lee tells her readers to not judge someone by what another person says.

“Mr. Nathan Radley said it was dyin.” “Well maybe it is. I’m sure Mr. Radley knows more about his trees than we do” (84). Boo would put toys in a hole of a tree for Jem and Scout. Nathan Radley (Boos brother) found out about it and filled the hole with cement. Nathan never wanted Boo to be known for being nice, He wanted Boo to be known as the bad kid that locked Heck Tate in an outhouse. Boo is symbolically an outcast because Nathan wants Boo to feel out of place and to have no one like him.

“Boo Radley. You were so busy looking at the fire you didn’t know it when he put the blanket around you”(96). Boo was trying to be caring for Jem. Atticus wanted to send the blanket back but Jem wouldn’t let him because Nathan would’ve found out and would’ve punished Boo for what he had done. Jem knows that Nathan has complete control over Boo. Nathan is symbolically is the devil figure because he stops Boo from doing helpful tasks and doesn’t let him do what he wants.

Lee shows her audience throughout the novel that judging a person there is more harm done than what meets the eye. Judgment causes humans to think harder about what is imperfect. Being judged not only makes you feel terrible but, also the other person feel horrid about them self. If judgment wasn’t a part of the world there would be fewer suicides and death. Don’t judge someone until you know their story.