

# Wise Words

**Directions:** Choose five quotes and explain each quote in your own words. Then select one quote to memorize and to display in a creative, artistic way. Use the computer or art materials to create the display, and be sure to cite the source on your display. Hang up the quote to share wisdom from the novel with others.

**Example:**

"Mockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy. They don't eat up people's gardens, don't nest in corncribs, they don't do one thing but sing their hearts out for us. That's why it's a sin to kill a mockingbird." – Miss Maudie

**Explanation of quote:** Mockingbirds don't do anything to bother people. They just delight us by singing, so we should never kill one.

1. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." – Atticus
2. "They're certainly entitled to think that, and they're entitled to full respect for their opinions...but before I can live with other folks I've got to live with myself. The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience." – Atticus
3. "If there's just one kind of folks, why can't they get along with each other? If they're all alike, why do they go out of their way to despise each other? Scout, I think I'm beginning to understand something. I think I'm beginning to understand why Boo Radley's stayed shut up in the house all this time. It's because he want to stay inside." – Jem
4. "Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your father's passin'." – Reverend Sykes
5. "That boy is your company. And if he wants to eat up that tablecloth, you let him, you hear?" – Calpurnia
6. "Courage is not a man with a gun in his hand. It's knowing you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do." – Atticus
8. "I'm litte but I'm old." – Dill
7. "You just hold you head high and keep your fists down. Try fightin' with your head for a change." – Atticus
9. "I never loved to read. One does not love breathing." – Scout

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