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***To Kill a Mockingbird: Chapters 7 & 8 Writing***

In Chapter 7, the children find many objects in one of the Radley's trees, and then one day, they find the knothole filled with cement. Your task is to describe two reasons why Jem is upset with the outcome of the tree. Justify your answer in a well-written paragraph using MLA in-text citations from the story. Be sure to follow the proper paragraph structure.

1. Topic Sentence: Create one sentence stating that the Radley tree is filled with cement.
2. Main Point: 1<sup>st</sup> reason
3. Example (MLA in-text citation)
4. Elaboration (explain)
5. Transition, Main Point: 2<sup>nd</sup> reason
6. Example (MLA in-text citation)
7. Elaboration (explain)
8. Clincher Sentence: Wrap-up/restate the topic sentence.

\*This paragraph should be no less than 8 well-written sentences.

\*MLA= direct quote/paraphrase (Author page #).

1<sup>st</sup> citation=EX: "....." (Lee 9).

2<sup>nd</sup> citation=EX: "....." (9).

***To Kill a Mockingbird Paragraph Rubric***

<b>Focus:</b> The paragraph takes a stance and fully explains reasons.	/4
<b>Grammar/Spelling:</b> The paragraph should be free of all grammatical errors.	/4
<b>Correct MLA usage:</b> MLA in-text citations should be used correctly.	/2
<b>MLA Heading:</b> MLA heading should be done correctly.	/2
<b>Structure:</b> Each component of the paragraphing steps should be included.	/3

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