

Echo and Narcissus

Mount Olympus was home to the Greek gods. Zeus was chief of the gods. The sacred Mount Helicon was home to the nymphs, whose job was to tend to Zeus's wife Hera. When the nymphs were not working, they liked to play near the sparkling waterfalls and wooded forests at the base of Mount Helicon. Of all the nymphs Echo was the merriest and also the better storyteller. Sometimes Echo would amuse Hera while Zeus came down from Mount Olympus to join the nymphs in their adventures. Echo's stories kept the goddess occupied so she would forget to be jealous.

To Kill a Mockingbird

To Kill a Mockingbird, a book by Harper Lee tells the story of Atticus Finch, an attorney and widowed father in the small town of Maycomb, Alabama, and his children, Scout and Jem. The novel is set in the 1930s. Atticus agrees to defend Tom Robinson, an African American who is wrongfully accused of a crime against a white woman. Because of Atticus's actions, his children are exposed for the first time to the racial prejudices and hypocrisy of their small, southern town. However, the decision also provides Scout (who narrates the story) with a valuable learning experience.