

commentary in the proficient answer goes into more depth by explaining why the children are fearful. An additional sentence provides further support to the thesis.

Advanced (Analytic Response) (Exceeds the Standards)

Answer:

In the first Chapter of Harper Lee's novel *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Jem and Scout feel fearful of Boo Radley because of their ideas about his past. Since the kids never see Boo and have only heard rumors about him and what happened in his past, their imaginations run wild and lead them to believe he is some sort of monster. For example, after Dill asks him about Boo, Jem responds, "he'll kill us...don't blame me when he gouges your eyes out"(15). Additionally, while talking about Boo, Jem notes that "he'll kill us, each and every one"(15). In both of these examples, Jem's repetition of the phrase "he'll kill us" illustrates his fear of Boo as he thinks a meeting with Boo would lead to certain death. In fact, Lee further emphasizes the children's fear as the only action they will take is to "touch the house"(15).

Advanced Answer Explanation:

The advanced answer has a thesis similar to the **proficient answer**, but the argument is more sophisticated in its vocabulary and concept. The first quote is embedded in the same manner as the **proficient answer**. However, the advanced response includes another quote, embedded properly using an addition transition word "additionally" and further supporting the thesis. The commentary draws a clear link between the thesis and the examples. Also, a further smoothly embedded quote is found in the final line. The writer also uses more advanced vocabulary like "illustrate" instead of "show."The commentary discusses the author's purpose as well.