**Mini Essay**

**NOTES: At the start of the novel Scout, Jem and Dill view Boo Radley as a superstition, an object of fear and ridicule, but as the novel progress they begin to learn valuable lessons from others that change their opinion of him. In chapters 5 and 6 we meet the character of Miss Maudie Atkinson. This important character has many functions in the novel. She helps the children begin to see Boo for what he really is: an innocent and damaged human being, and also begin to re-evaluate their opinion of their father.**

*Write a short essay about the character of Miss Maudie Atkinson and her role in these two chapters. The questions below will help you write and structure your work.*

Explain the character of Miss Maudie Atkinson. Think about the positive characteristics we see in her. How does she demonstrate these?

What role does she play for the children? How could she be considered a role model for Scout? What is her relationship like with the children?

How does Miss Maudie *humanise* Boo? How might she help them understand Atticus better? Why is this important in the development of the children and their understanding of others? (Remember advice Atticus gives Scout)

You should structure your writing as an essay- not a response to a list of question. Use plenty of quotes and include plenty of detail