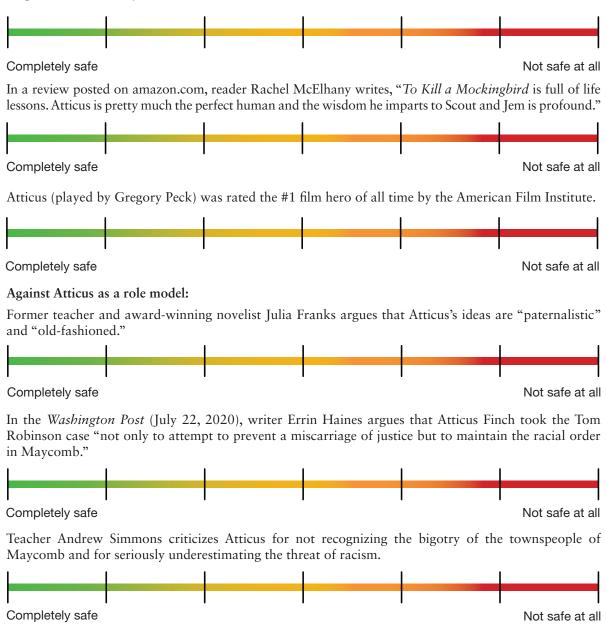
HANDOUT 7.1C Assessing Evidence From Outside the Text

Assess the safety of each of the six pieces of textual evidence below. That is, decide how likely it is that your audience would accept the piece of evidence. Remember, even after you establish safety, you still have to answer the "So what?" question and explain why the evidence matters.

In favor of Atticus as a role model:

According to Casey Cess in an article in the *New Yorker*, "Atticus has inspired legions of lawyers, been memorialized with a public sculpture, had professional-achievement awards and a nonprofit organization named after him, and been invoked admiringly by Barack Obama, who quoted one of the character's folksy fatherisms in his farewell address as president: 'You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.'"



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