

To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapter Questions

Chapters 1 – 3

1. Write a short description and identify the following: Scout, Jem Finch, Maycomb, Calpurnia, Dill Harris, Radley Place, Stephanie Crawford, Arthur (Boo) Radley, Miss Caroline Fisher, Walter Cunningham, Burris Ewell.
2. What did Dill dare Jem to do?
3. What were Scout's three "crimes" at school?
4. Describe Scout's altercation with Walter Cunningham.
5. Scout said, "He ain't company, Cal, he's just a Cunningham." What did she mean by that and what was Cal's answer?
6. According to Scout, what two mistakes did Miss Caroline make on the first day of school?
7. Who are the Ewell's? Why do they not attend school?

Chapters 4 – 7

1. Name all the items that Jem and Scout find in Radley's tree.
2. Who is Mrs. Dubose?
3. Describe the Boo Radley game.
4. Who is Miss Maudie?
5. What does Miss Maudie think of the Radley's?
6. Describe Dill and Jem's plan regarding Boo. How does Atticus respond?
7. What happened with Jem's pants?

Chapters 8 – 9

1. What happened to Miss Maudie's house?
2. Who is Cecil Jacobs?
3. Describe Scout's visit with Francis at Christmas.
4. What lesson does Uncle Jack learn?

Chapters 10 – 11

1. What do Scout and Jem learn about Atticus that surprises them?
2. When Mrs. Dubose verbally attacks Atticus, what does Jem do? What are his consequences?
3. What lessons does Jem learn as a result of his encounter with Mrs. Dubose, especially after her death?

Chapters 12 – 14

1. How has Jem changed, from the beginning of the novel? How has this affected his relationship with Scout?
2. Who are: Lula, Zeeba and Reverend Sykes?
3. What does Scout learn about Calpurnia?
4. What visitor comes to stay with the children?
5. What new information do we find out about Dill?

Chapters 15 – 17

1. What did Mr. Heck Tate's "mob" do?
2. What did Walter Cunningham's mob want? Why did they leave?
3. Who is Mr. Dolphus Raymond?
4. Identify: Tom Robinson, Mr. Gilmer, Bob Ewell, Mayella Ewell, Judge Taylor.

Chapters 18 – 21

1. Describe Mayella's account of the incident with Tom Robinson.
2. Describe Tom's account of the incident.
3. What important information is revealed about Tom? Why is this important to his case?
4. After their encounter with Mr. Raymond, what do Dill and Scout learn?
5. Summarize the closing remarks of Atticus to the jury.

Chapters 22 – 25

1. Why does Jem cry?
2. What does Calpurnia find when she arrives at the Finch's Monday morning?
3. Describe the significance of Maudie's two little cakes and the large one.
4. What is Atticus' reaction to his encounter with Bob Ewell?

5. Why does Jem say, "I think I'm beginning to understand why Boo Radley's stayed shut up in the house all this time. . . it's because he wants to stay inside."
6. What is your impression of Mrs. Merriweather? What kind of person is she?

Chapters 26 - 31

1. What daydream does Scout have of Boo Radley?
2. Reflect on the quote by Miss Gates: "We are a democracy and Germany is a dictatorship. . . . We don't believe in persecuting anybody. Persecution comes from people who are prejudiced." What does this tell us about Miss Gates?
3. What happens to Helen Robinson?
4. What happens that Scout and Jem end up leaving the school after all have gone?
5. Describe what happens to Jem and Scout on their way home from the pageant.
6. Who actually saves the children?
7. Why do you think Heck Tate insists that Bob Ewell fell on his own knife?
8. Why is it significant that Scout is reflective as she stands on the Radley's porch?