

Summer Reading—To Kill a Mockingbird—Harper Lee

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

Chapter 1:

1. What does Dill dare Jem to do?

Chapter 2:

2. What are two reasons Scout gets in trouble with her teacher on the first day of school?

Chapter 3:

3. What do you learn in this chapter about the Ewells?

Chapter 4:

4. What did Scout hear from inside the Radley house?

Chapter 5:

5. What does Miss Maudie tell Scout about Boo?

Chapter 6:

6. What happened to Jem's pants?

Chapter 7:

7. When the children plan to send a letter to the person who leaves the gifts, they are prevented. How does this happen? Who does it, and why might he do so?

Chapter 8:

8. Why does Atticus save Miss Maudie's oak rocking chair?

Chapter 9:

9. What has Atticus dreaded to do?

Chapter 10:

10. What do Jem and Scout learn about their father from the "mad" dog incident?

Chapter 11:

11. What request does Mrs. Dubose make of Jem? Is this a fair punishment for his "crime"?

Chapter 12:

12. What does Scout learn from Calpurnia's account of Zeebo's education?

Chapter 13:

13. Why does Aunt Alexandra come to stay with Atticus and his family? What is she like?

Chapter 14:

14. How does Atticus explain rape to Scout?

15. What do we learn from Dill's account of his running away?

Chapter 15:

16. What persuades the lynching party to give up their attempt on Tom?

Chapter 16:

17. What "subtle change" does Scout notice in her father?

Chapter 17:

18. Why does Atticus ask Bob Ewell to write out his name and what does the jury see when he does this?

Chapter 18:

19. Is Mayella like her father or different from him? In what ways?

Chapter 19:

20. What made Tom visit the Ewell's house in the first place?

Chapter 20:

21. What, according to Atticus, is the thing that Mayella has done wrong?

Chapter 21:

22. What does Jem expect the verdict to be?

Chapter 22:

23. Why does Dill say he will be a clown when he grows up?

Chapter 23:

24. At the end of this chapter, Jem forms a new theory about why Boo Radley has never left his house in years. What is the theory and in your opinion, do you think it is true?

Chapter 24:

25. Why is it ironic that the missionary ladies are worrying about the Mrunas, a tribe in Africa?

26. Explain how Tom was killed? What is Atticus's explanation for Tom's attempted escape and do you agree with Atticus?

Chapter 25:

27. Explain the contrast Scout draws between the court where Tom was tried and the “secret court of men’s hearts”. In what ways are hearts like courts?

Chapter 26:

28. Why is Scout puzzled by Miss Gates’ disapproval of Hitler?

Chapter 27:

29. What three things does Bob Ewell do that alarm Aunt Alexandra?

Chapter 28:

30. Scout decides to keep her costume on while walking home. How does this affect her understanding of what happens on the way?

Chapter 29

31. What explanation does Atticus give for Bob Ewell’s attack?

32. What does Heck Tate give as the reason for the attack?

Chapter 30:

33. Who does Atticus think caused Bob Ewell’s death?

Chapter 31:

34. At the end of the novel, Atticus reads to Scout. What is his choice of story and what connection do you think it has with themes earlier in the novel and in its ending?

35. As you read, Harper Lee’s novel, you will notice that Atticus attempts to teach his children lessons of morality , integrity, honesty, courage and acceptance. These lessons are as important today as they were when they were written in 1960. You need to review the text and find passages that are important in showing Atticus’ principles and value. Find five quotes of Atticus and explain the life lesson he is trying to get across to his children. Copy the quote out with the page number and briefly summarize the life lesson.