

To Kill a Mockingbird
Chapter Questions

Chapter One

1. What does Atticus Finch do for a living?
2. a) From whose point of view with the story be told from?
b) How will this affect the information readers receive?
3. Who is Calpurnia and what is she like?
4. Describe Dill's game.
5. According to Jem's description, what does Boo Radley look like?
6. Describe the setting of the story.

Chapter Two

7. List two reasons why Miss Caroline reprimands Scout.
8. a) How does Miss Caroline Fisher feel at the end of her first day? How do you know?
b) What does this tell us about the setting?
9. What does Scout tell us about the Cunninghams?

Chapter Three

10. a) How does Scout solve her problem with Walter Cunningham?
b) What does this tell us about her character?
11. a) How does Jem solve Scout's problem with Walter Cunningham?
b) What does this tell us about his character?
12. Why can't Walter Cunningham pass the first grade?
13. What does Atticus say about the Ewell family?

Chapter Four

14. a) What is the first gift that appears in the hollow tree?
b) What other gifts do the children find?
15. What new facts does Dill offer about his father?
16. How has the Boo Radley game changed?
17. When Scout rolls into the Radley yard in the tire, what does she hear?
18. a) How is Jem changing?
b) Why do you think he is changing?

Chapter Five

19. a) Describe Miss Maudie.
b) Why does Scout admire her?
20. What do we learn about Uncle Jack?
21. a) Describe Jem and Dill's new plan to lure Boo outside.
b) Why doesn't it work?
22. Why does Scout accuse Dill of lying?
23. What direct order does Atticus give the children?

Chapter Six

24. How do the children plan to spend Dill's last night in Maycomb?
25. What goes wrong with the children's escape plan?
26. At whom does Mr. Nathan say he has fired his gun?
27. How do the children claim they have spent the night?
28. What makes Jem decide to return to the Radley's that night?

Chapter Seven

29. What does Jem tell Scout about the night at Boo Radley's?
30. What new gifts do they find in the knothole?
31. What ends the knothole gifts?

Chapter Eight

32. What rare event results in school being closed in Maycomb?
33. a) Why does Atticus make Jem and Scout disguise their snowman?
b) What does this further reveal about his character?
34. a) What happens to Miss Maudie's house?
b) Is anything saved?
35. a) Who puts a blanket around Scout's shoulders?
b) How does this make her feel?
36. What does Jem finally reveal to Atticus?
37. a) How are Miss Maudie's spirits the next day?
b) What does this reveal about her character?

Chapter Nine

38. Who does Scout nearly start a fight with? Why?
39. Who is Atticus defending in court?
40. Atticus says he will not win the case, so why did he agree to take it on?
41. a) Who comes to visit at Christmastime?
b) What does he tell Scout to stop doing?
42. a) What are the differences between Francis and Alexandra and Scout?
b) Do you think Harper Lee was using them for a particular message?
43. a) What does Francis say to Scout?
b) How does she react?
c) How does Uncle Jack react?
44. After Scout tells Uncle Jack her side of the story, why does he keep his word and not tell Atticus?
45. What does Scout overhear Uncle Jack and Atticus talking about?

Chapter Ten

46. What do we learn about Atticus' age this chapter?
47. What kind of things does Atticus do differently from some of the other men in town?
48. a) What does Atticus do to the rabid dog?
b) Is this out of character for him?
c) Why do you think he does it?
d) What does this reveal further about his character?
49. What does Miss Maudie tell Jem and Scout about their father?

50. Why does Scout tell Jem to keep what they have learned to themselves?

Chapter Eleven

51. Who is Mrs. Dubose?

52. What does Atticus tell Jem to always do despite Mrs. Dubose's insults?

53. a) What does Mrs. Dubose say that sets Jem's temper off?

b) What does he do?

54. What does Jem have to do as a punishment?

55. What happens during the reading sessions?

56. What does Atticus reveal to Jem after Mrs. Dubose passes away?

57. What does Mrs. Dubose's struggle say about humanity?

58. What does Mrs. Dubose leave for Jem?

Chapter Twelve

59. a) What does Jem demand that Scout do?

b) How Does this make her feel?

60. Why doesn't Dill come to town for the summer?

61. a) Where does Calpurnia take the children?

b) Describe the children's experience there.

62. Who is a collection taken up for?

63. What does Scout learn about the Tom Robinson trial?

Chapter Thirteen

64. Why does Aunt Alexandra say she should stay with the children?

65. How is Aunt Alexandra welcomed into town?

66. Why is Aunt Alexandra so proud of the Finches?

67. How do Scout and Jem react to their family ancestry?

Chapter Fourteen

68. What does Scout ask Atticus about?

69. Where does Aunt Alexandra tell the children they cannot go?

70. a) What does Aunt Alexandra try to convince Atticus to do?

b) How does Atticus react?

71. Why has Dill run away from home?

Chapter Fifteen

72. Why do a group of men come to the Finches' to talk with Atticus?

73. What have Aunt Alexandra and Atticus been arguing about?

74. a) What do Jem, Scout, and Dill discover Atticus doing?

b) What do they witness?

75. a) Who does Scout recognize?

b) What does she do?

c) What does he do?

Chapter Sixteen

76. a) Who doesn't go to the trial?

b) Why?

77. Where do Jem, Scout, and Dill sit?

Chapter Seventeen

78. What does Heck Tate recall from the night of November 21?

79. What side of the face way Mayella Ewell bruised on?

80. Describe the Ewells.

81. What does Bob Ewell testify?

82. What does Atticus ask Bob Ewell?

83. a) What hand does Bob Ewell write with?

b) Why is this important?

Chapter Eighteen

84. Describe Mayella Ewell.

85. What does Mayella testify?

86. What does Atticus ask Mayella?

87. Why couldn't Tom have hit the right side of Mayella's face?

Chapter Nineteen

88. What does Tom Robinson testify?

89. a) Who is Link Deas?

b) What does he say about Tom Robinson?

90. a) Why does Tom say he helped Mayella so often?

b) Why does this upset so many people in the courtroom?

91. Who is Dolphus Raymond?

Chapter Twenty

92. a) What is in Dolphus Raymond's paper sack?

b) Why does he do this?

93. Describe Atticus' closing remarks.

Chapter Twenty-One

94. Why does Calpurnia come into the court?

95. a) When does the jury reappear?

b) Why is this odd?

c) What is their verdict?

Chapter Twenty-Two

96. How does the coloured population of the town treat Atticus?

97. a) How does Jem react to the verdict?

b) What does this tell us about him?

98. What does Miss Stephanie inform the children has happened?

Chapter Twenty-Three

99. What does Atticus think of Bob Ewell's threats?

100. What will happen if Tom Robinson loses his appeal?

101. Why does Aunt Alexandra tell Scout that she cannot invite Walter Cunningham for dinner?

102. Why does Jem suggest Boo Radley does not leave his house?

103. How can we see Jem growing up?

Chapter Twenty-Four

104. Describe the tea party Scout sits in on.

105. How do the women talk about the Robinson trial?

106. What does Atticus tell Scout, Calpurnia, Miss Maudie, and Aunt Alexandra has happened?

Chapter Twenty-Five

107. a) Why does Jem tell Scout not to kill the bug she finds?

b) What does this tell us about him?

108. a) Scout decides that Jem is becoming more and more like a girl. What does this tell us about gender stereotypes?

b) Do they still exist today?

109. What does Mr. Underwood write an editorial about?

Chapter Twenty-Six

110. How do Jem and Scout feel about the Radley house now?

111. a) What does Miss Gates discuss in class?

b) Why does this upset Scout?

Chapter Twenty-Seven

112. Why does Bob Ewell say he lost his job within a couple of days?

113. a) What does Ewell begin doing to Helen Robinson?

b) What makes it stop?

114. What does Scout dress as for the Halloween pageant?

Chapter Twenty-Eight

115. Why does Scout feel like she has ruined the pageant?

116. Who do Jem and Scout think is following them home?

117. Why is Scout unable to run?

118. What has happened to Jem?

119. What has happened to Bob Ewell?

Chapter Twenty-Nine

120. What does Heck Tate point out on Scout's costume?

121. Who carried Jem home?

Chapter Thirty

122. Where does Scout take Boo?

123. Who does Atticus think killed Bob Ewell?

124. What does Heck Tate say happened?

125. Who killed Bob Ewell?

Chapter Thirty-One

126. After Scout takes Boo home, she imagines life through his perspective, how does this tie in with the rest of the novel?

127. What do you think Harper Lee is trying to say about humanity in To Kill A Mockingbird?