

Chapter 12

58. How is Jem changing? Explain. How does his relationship with Scout change?
59. What has happened to Dill?
60. Describe Calpurnia's preparations for taking Scout and Jem to her church.
61. How are they greeted by Lula? What about Calpurnia's behavior surprises Scout?
62. Describe the church Calpurnia attends.
63. Of what crime is Tom Robinson accused? How has his imprisonment affected his family?
64. Why does Calpurnia talk "nigger talk" while at church? Explain her reasons in detail.

Chapter 13

65. Why do you believe Aunt Alexandra has come to stay with the family?
66. What do we learn about the history of Maycomb?
67. How does Aunt Alexandra feel about the way the children have been raised?
What does she ask Atticus to do?

Chapter 14

68. How is the town reacting to the case Atticus is trying?
69. What do Jem and Scout want that causes Aunt Alexandra and Atticus to disagree?
70. What does Aunt Alexandra want to do with Calpurnia? How does Atticus respond?
71. What does Jem ask Scout to do (not to do)?
72. Why do Scout and Jem fight?
73. Who arrives in their home? Explain how he got there.
74. How does he explain life at home? Why did he leave?

Chapter 15

75. Why do the men come to visit Atticus?
What is the time of day?
What makes this time of day significant as it relates to their visit?
76. Explain in detail what happens at the jail.
77. How is it resolved? Why does Scout's involvement diffuse the situation?
78. Describe the demeanor of Atticus as he waited at the jail.
What is the significance of his saying, "Do you really think so?"

Chapter 16

79. What change does Scout say that she notices in Atticus? Explain.
80. Explain Atticus's comments about mobs and how they form.
81. Why does Miss Maudie say that she is not going to the trial?
82. Who is Dolphus Raymond? Why is he such a scandalous person in Maycomb?
83. What, according to Jem, is the problem with mixed children?
84. Explain what the members of the Idlers' Club don't like about Atticus's defending Tom Robinson.
85. What is unusual about the balcony in the courthouse?
86. Describe the character of Judge Taylor.
87. What is the atmosphere at the trial? Identify some of the people who come to it.

Chapter 17

88. Summarize the testimony of Heck Tate.
89. Describe life at the Ewell's, as seen through Scout's eyes.
90. What makes Bob Ewell so smug as he testifies?
91. What point does Atticus make regarding Bob Ewell's handedness?
(left handed v. right handed)
92. What are Scout and Jem thinking at this point?

Chapter 18

93. How does Mayella do on the witness stand?
94. Why does she get angry with Atticus?
95. What point does Atticus make about Mayella's injuries?
What about Tom Robinson leads him to make this point?
96. Why does Atticus look hurt and weary as he sits down after questioning Mayella?
97. Summarize her final comments.

Chapter 19

98. Summarize the testimony of Tom Robinson.
99. What comparison does Scout draw between Tom and Atticus?
100. What does Link Deas say when he interrupts the trial?
How does the judge react? How does Atticus react?
101. Why does Tom say that he helped Mayella?
102. What causes Mr. Gilmore and the audience to react angrily?
103. Why does Dill start to cry?
104. Whom do Scout and Dill meet outside?

Chapter 20

105. What do they discover about what's inside the paper sack? How does Dolphus explain this?
106. Comment on the closing argument Atticus gives. Be specific.

Chapter 21

107. Why does Calpurnia interrupt the trial?
108. Why is Calpurnia so angry with Jem?
109. How does Jem feel that the trial will end? Explain the reasons for his thoughts.
110. What verdict does the jury return?
111. Why does Reverend Sykes ask Jem and Scout to stand as the chapter ends?

Chapter 22

112. What does Atticus note on the bottom of page 215? Why is this significant?
113. Why does Atticus cry?
114. What comment regarding Atticus does Miss Maudie make?
115. What do we learn has occurred as the chapter ends?

Chapter 23.

116. How does Atticus defend Mr. Ewell's actions? What does this reveal about him?
117. Why does Atticus say that the jury convicted Tom?
Why does he say that a jury of children would not have?
118. Why did Atticus put Cunningham on the jury, given his behavior the night before the trial?
119. What does Jem realize as the chapter ends about Boo Radley?

Chapter 24

120. What group meets at the Finch home?
121. Explain Scout's comments about men and women. (p236)
122. What has happened to Tom Robinson?
123. What happens to Scout as the chapter ends? How is this significant?

Chapter 25

124. Explain what happens at the Robinson home.
125. How does the town react to the news?
126. How does Mr. Underwood react in his newspaper?

Chapter 26

127. Discuss Scout's thoughts about Boo Radley.
128. What does Scout find surprising about the people of Maycomb? (p246)
129. Summarize Cecil's current events article. What does it lead to in class? Why is this ironic?
130. What observation does Scout make about Miss Gates?
Why is this important? Comment on this observation.
131. What is wrong with Jem? How does Atticus explain it?

Chapter 27

132. What happens to Bob Ewell, Judge Taylor, and Helen Robinson?
133. What does Bob Ewell do to Helen Robinson? How does Link Deas put an end to it?
134. How does Atticus explain Bob Ewell's actions? Does this make sense to you?

Chapter 28

135. What happens to Scout during the pageant?
136. What happens to Jem and Scout on the way home?
137. Who intervenes? What does he do?

Chapter 29

138. What do we learn about Bob Ewell?
What did he try to do to Scout? Ironically, what saved her?
139. Describe Boo Radley.

Chapter 30

140. How does Heck Tate try to get Jem out of trouble?
141. What is Atticus's response? Why?
142. Why does Atticus thank Boo Radley?

Chapter 31

143. Why does Scout walk Boo Radley home?