

Chapter 1

1. Explain how the Finch family came to settle in Alabama.
2. Describe the character of Calpurnia.
3. Explain the point-of-view of the novel.
4. At the end of the summer, what fascinates Jem, Scout, and Dill? Explain.
5. Explain the history behind the legend of the Radley family.
6. Recount Jem's description of Boo Radley.
7. How does Dill get Jem to approach the Radley house?

Chapter 2

8. Describe how Jem asks Scout to treat him at school.
9. Explain the irony in Miss Caroline's treatment of Scout and her suggestions regarding Scout's education.
10. What does Jean Louise (Scout) tell Miss Caroline about the Cunningham family? How does Miss Caroline respond.

Chapter 3

11. Describe Scout's treatment of Walter at the table. What does Calpurnia say to her?
12. Describe Burris Ewell and the philosophy of the Ewell family regarding school.
13. Explain Atticus's advice to Scout regarding getting along with people. Is this good advice? Explain.
14. Why is the Ewell family treated differently by the people of Maycomb?

Chapter 4

15. What does Scout find in the tree on the Radley property? Why is this significant? What do both children find on their next visit to the tree?
16. How do Jem, Scout, and Dill spend their summer? Explain.
17. What did Scout hear from inside the Radley house that made her want to quit playing the game?

Chapter 5

18. Who is Miss Maudie? Describe her character and her treatment of the children.
19. What do Dill and Jem plan for Boo Radley?
20. Discuss the advice of Atticus regarding Boo Radley.

Chapter 6

21. What happened on Jem's nighttime trip to the Radley house?
22. What explanation do the children give for Jem's missing pants?
23. Why does Jem insist on going back to retrieve them?

Chapter 7

24. What does Jem reveal to Scout about the pants?
25. What do they find in the knot hole the next time? What do they decide from this point on?
26. What are you beginning to learn about the Radley family and the character of Boo? Explain.
27. Identify some of the other things the children find in the hole.
28. What happens to the hole in the tree? What is Mr. Nathan Radley's explanation?
29. What leads the reader to disbelieve this story? Why do you think Mr. Radley plugged the hole?

Chapter 8

30. Explain how Jem creates his snowman.
31. What do the actions of the townspeople during the fire reveal about their relationship?
32. Who put the blanket on Scout on the night of the fire?
33. How does Miss Maudie react to the loss of her house?

Chapter 9

34. Why did Cecil Jacobs annoy Scout at school?
35. Name some of the things Scout does to avoid going to school.
36. Why does Atticus say he is defending Tom Robinson? Explain this in detail.
37. Why does Scout avoid the fight with Cecil Jacobs?
38. Why does Scout start using obscene words?
39. How would you describe your feelings for Scout at this point in the story? Jem? Atticus? Explain each one?
40. Describe Finch's Landing.
41. What is Aunt Alexandra's complaint about Scout?
42. What does Francis reveal to Scout about Dill?
43. Why does Scout hit Francis? What happens to her as a result?
44. What are Atticus's concerns regarding Scout's behavior? Why is he so concerned? How does this foreshadow events?
45. What happens at the end of the chapter? What does Scout realize? Why is this significant?

Chapter 10

46. How does Atticus differ from other parents Scout and Jem know?
47. Explain why it is wrong to shoot mockingbirds. How does this tie to the title? Does it foreshadow any of the events? If so, how?
48. Why is Atticus asked to shoot Tim Johnson? Why is he reluctant to do so? How does this change the children's view of him?
49. What does Jem mean when he says, "Atticus is a gentleman?"

Chapter 11

50. Describe Mrs. Dubose.
51. What makes Scout think her father is brave?
52. What does Jem do to Mrs. Dubose's flowers?
53. What is his punishment?
54. Describe what happens on the afternoons Scout and Jem spend at Mrs. Dubose's house.
55. Why does Atticus extend the punishment? What does this reveal about him?
56. Describe Mrs. Dubose's death and her gift for Jem.
57. Why did Atticus have Jem and Scout visit her (in addition to the reading)? What did he hope that they would learn from her?