

Chapters 22-23

78. Why is Jem so devastated by the verdict?

79. What do Tom Robinson's friends and family leave for Atticus? Why doesn't Atticus want them to send gifts?

80. Despite the guilty verdict, why does Miss Maudie tell the children that Maycomb County has taken a baby step?

81. What did Bob Ewell do to Atticus? How does Atticus respond? What does this reveal about Atticus' character?

82. How does Atticus attempt to explain the trial to a disillusioned Jem?

83. Carefully read the last page of chapter 23. Why do you think Jem seems so jaded? Jem thinks Scout's words to the contrary reflect her innocence and naiveté. How do her words also reflect her maturity?

84. At the end of chapter 23, Jem forms a new theory about why Boo Radley has never left his house in years. What is his theory?

Chapter 24-25:

85. Miss Maudie feels the ladies at Aunt Alexandra's Missionary Tea are hypocrites. Explain their hypocrisy.

86. Why do the prison guards claim they had to shoot Tom Robinson? Why doesn't this explanation make sense?

87. Why doesn't Jem want Scout to kill the roly-poly? How does this brief incident relate to major events and themes in the novel?

88. Mr. Underwood's editorial likens Tom's death to the senseless killing of songbirds. Think about what it means to kill a mockingbird. How does the mockingbird symbolize Tom Robinson?

89. Why is it so significant that Mr. Underwood wrote this editorial? What does this show?

Chapters 26-27:

90. After Cecil Jacobs brings in a current event about Adolf Hitler, what does Miss Gates teach the children about the United States of America?

91. Why does Scout think Miss Gates is a hypocrite?

92. Who else is Bob Ewell harassing? How so?

93. What will Scout be dressed as in the Halloween Pageant?

Chapter 28-31

94. Why does Mrs. Merriweather think that Scout has ruined her show?

95. Why does Scout wear her costume home?

96. How does this affect her understanding of what happens next?

97. Who is after the children?

98. Who saves the children?

99. What does Aunt Alexandra bring Scout to put on after the attack? Why is this so significant?

100. At first, who does Atticus think killed the attacker?

101. What explanation does Sheriff Heck Tate give for the attacker's death?

102. Who does Sheriff Heck Tate infer he is protecting with the above explanation?

103. What does Scout say it would be like if they turned this man in for murder? What does she mean by this?

104. When Scout walks Boo Radley home, through whose eyes does she see the neighborhood?

105. Scout feels that Boo Radley has given her so much, but she feels guilty that she has not returned the favor. How is she wrong? (What have Jem and Scout given Boo?)

106. Why is the story Atticus reads to Scout at end of the novel so fitting?

107. Reread the first paragraph of chapter one. Which questions have been answered?