

SUMMER READING ~ MANDATORY STUDY GUIDE

***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee**

Close Reading Questions

Directions: Review the questions for each chapter before you begin reading. When you come across a scene or section that contains the answer to the question, **highlight** that section and **write the number of the question there in the margin as well.** The whole novel should have highlighted sections and numbers written throughout. Some questions may require your personal opinion and input. You may write your answer in the margin of the novel as well, alongside a passage you think demonstrates your opinion. In this way, your book *is* your study guide! Your novels will be checked for these notes and highlighted sections the first week of school and you will use these notes for in-class discussions and writing assignments. **Please write your name on the inside of the cover of your novel.**

Chapter 1

1. What person narrative is the story told in?
2. What do we learn about Jem's arm?
3. What started during the summer the kids met Dill for the first time?

Chapter 2

4. Why does Miss Caroline get upset at Scout on the first day of school?
5. How do the Cunninghams pay Atticus for his services?
6. Why doesn't Walter Cunningham take Miss Caroline's quarter?

Chapter 3

7. Why hasn't Walter Cunningham passed the first grade?
8. What advice does Atticus give to Scout after she comes home from school?
9. Why is the law bent for the Ewells?

Chapter 4

10. What is the first gift Scout finds in the knothole?
11. What is Scout doing when she finds herself in front of the Radley's steps?
12. What game do the children play?

Chapter 5

13. What does Miss Maudie think about foot-washing Baptists?
14. What are the kids trying to give Boo and why?

Chapter 6

15. Whose shadow does Scout see? What does it look like?
16. What does Dill tell Atticus about Jem's pants?
17. Does Scout go with Jem to retrieve his pants? Why?

Chapter 7

18. At the beginning of Chapter 7, what signs of maturity is Scout showing?
19. What curious fact does Jem tell Scout about his pants?
20. On an October afternoon, what do the kids find in the knothole? What is Mr. Radley doing to the tree and what is his excuse for it?
21. Why is Jem crying at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 8

22. What happens to Miss Maudie's house?
23. Who puts the blanket around Scout? What does that indicate about the person who put the blanket around her?

Chapter 9

24. According to Atticus, why is he defending Tom Robinson?
25. What does Atticus ask Scout NOT to do?
26. What does Scout overhear Atticus telling Uncle Jack?

Chapter 10

27. According to Scout, is Atticus exciting? How does she describe him?
28. What does Mr. Tate want Atticus to do? What is Atticus' nickname?
29. How do the children view Atticus after this incident?

Chapter 11

30. What does Jem do to Mrs. Dubose's garden? Why?
31. What is his punishment for it?
32. What happens to Mrs. Dubose? What does she leave him and what is this a symbol of?

Chapter 12

33. What was the cartoon in the *Montgomery Advisor*?
34. Where do Scout and Jem go to church? What is Lula's reaction to them?
35. What does Zeebo do since they do not have hymn-books?
36. What did Bob Ewell accuse Tom Robinson of doing?
37. How did Cal learn to read?

Chapter 13

38. Who shows up for a visit to the Finch house?
39. Why does Atticus say that she has come to visit?
40. Give one example of Aunt Alexandra being judgmental towards the people of Maycomb.
41. Where do the Ewells live?
42. How does Scout describe the Caste system in Maycomb?
43. What does Jem know about cousin Joshua?
44. What did Aunt Alexandra ask Atticus to tell the children?

Chapter 14

45. Why does Atticus make Scout apologize to Aunt Alexandria?
46. Why do Scout and Jem fight?
47. What did Atticus mean when he told Dill to “put some of the county back where it belongs”?

Chapter 15

48. Atticus enters the living room carrying what?
49. Who was sitting outside the jail reading?
50. Why isn't Heck Tate around?
51. What does Scout ask Mr. Cunningham? What is Mr. Cunningham's response to Scout?

Chapter 16

52. What does Atticus say that it took to bring the mob to its senses?
53. When Scout asks why the “mixed” children are so sad, what is Jem's response?
54. The jury all seemed to consist of members who do what for a living?

Chapter 17

55. What is Mr. Gilmer's job?
56. What question did Atticus ask Heck Tate three times?
57. What does Bob Ewell say that Tom did?
58. What does Scout say that Atticus was trying to prove? How?

Chapter 18

59. When the judge asked Mayella to tell the court what happened, what was her response?
60. What did Mayella say she asked Tom to do for her?
61. When Atticus asks Mayella if she remembers Tom hitting her around the face, what is Mayella's response?

Chapter 19

62. Why did Tom have to serve time previously?
63. When does Tom say that Mayella had asked him to bust up the *chiffarobe* (a dresser)?
64. What did Link Deas say about Tom?

Chapter 20

65. What does Mr. Raymond say that the people of Maycomb will never understand?
66. What does Atticus say that Tom had the “unmitigated temerity” to do?
67. When Atticus finished his closing remarks, what did he say under his breath?

Chapter 21

68. Describe the cold February morning Scout remembers as they wait for the jury to return.
69. What was the jury's verdict?
70. Why does Reverend Sykes tell Scout to stand up?

Chapter 22

71. What does Aunt Alexandra call Atticus?
72. What does Mr. Ewell say and do to Atticus?

Chapter 23

73. What is Atticus's response when the children ask him to borrow a gun?
74. Why does Atticus not become upset when Mr. Ewell threatened him? What is Atticus' explanation?
75. What does Atticus say is the usual outcome in a trial involving a black man in this time period?
76. At the end of this chapter, Jem forms a new theory about why Boo Radley has never left his house in years. From Jem's perspective, why does Boo Radley want to stay inside?

Chapter 24

77. How was Tom Robinson killed?
78. During what month does the chapter take place?
79. What does Atticus want Cal to help him do?

Chapter 25

80. What does Jem order Scout not to kill?
81. Why do Jem and Dill go with Atticus to the Robinson Place?
82. What condition does Atticus make for the two boys to go?

Chapter 26

83. In what grades are Jem and Scout in this chapter?
84. How does Scout feel about the Radley Place now?
85. What term does Miss Gates say means equal rights for everyone?
86. What does Scout later hear the teacher say that is hypocritical?

Chapter 27

87. Why does Helen walk a mile out of her way to get to work?
88. What was Scout disappointed about regarding the pageant?

Chapter 28

89. Who frightens the children on the way to the auditorium?
90. Why does Scout wear her costume home?
91. What characteristics do we know about the attacker?
92. What has happened to Mr. Ewell?

Chapter 29

93. What does Aunt Alexandra admit to about that evening?
94. How did Heck Tate describe a man like Bob Ewell's kind?
95. What does Boo Radley look like? How does Scout describe his appearance?

Chapter 30

96. What does the sheriff say had happened to Mr. Ewell? What kind of knife was used to kill Mr. Ewell?
97. For what does Atticus thank Boo?

Chapter 31

98. Why does Boo go inside the Finch house again?
99. What does Scout finally realize about Boo and about people in general?
100. What book is Atticus reading?