

To Kill a Mockingbird: Part II Questions

Chapter 12

1. From visiting First Purchase Church, what does Scout learn about how black people live and worship?
2. What are your thoughts about Lula's reaction to Scout and Jem's attendance at the First Purchase?

Chapter 14

3. Why does Alexandra think Atticus should dismiss Calpurnia?
4. How does Atticus respond to the suggestion?

Chapter 15

5. What is the "nightmare" that descends upon the children?
6. How does Jem react when Atticus tells him to go home, and why?
7. What persuades the lynching party to give up their attempt on Tom's life?

Chapter 16

8. What "subtle change" does Scout notice in her father?
9. Describe Dolphus Raymond. What sort of person is he?
10. How does the Reverend Sykes help the children to see?

Chapter 17

11. What are the main points in Heck Tate's evidence?
12. What does Atticus show in his cross examination of Sheriff Tate?
13. What do we learn indirectly about the home life of the Ewell family in this chapter?
14. What do you learn from Bob Ewell's evidence?
15. Why does Atticus ask Bob to write out his name? What does the jury see when he does this?

Chapter 18

16. How is Mayella similar and different from her father?
17. How does Mayella react to Atticus's politeness? Why?

Chapter 19

18. What made Tom visit the Ewell house in the first place?
19. Why does Scout think that Mayella is the "loneliest person in the world"?
20. Describe Mayella's relationship with her father.
21. How does Dill react to this part of the trial?

Chapter 20

22. Scout says that "Mr Dolphus Raymond was an evil man". Is she right?
23. What, according to Atticus, is the thing that Mayella has done wrong?
22. What, in Atticus's mind, is the only "mistake" made by Tom?
23. Explain, in your own words, Atticus's views on people being equal.

Chapter 22

24. Although Atticus did not want his children in court, he defends Jem's right to know what has happened. Explain, in your own words, Atticus's reason for this.

25. Why does Bob Ewell feel so angry with Atticus?

Chapter 23

26. What do you think of Atticus's reaction to Bob Ewell's challenge? Should he have reacted differently?

27. What is "circumstantial evidence"? What does it have to do with Tom's conviction?

28. What does Atticus tell Scout about why the jury took so long to convict Tom?

Chapter 24

29. Explain briefly how Tom was killed.

30. What is Atticus's explanation for Tom's attempted escape?

Chapter 25

31. How does Maycomb react to the news of Tom's death?

32. How is Mr. Underwood's editorial on Tom's death depart from the general point of view?

Chapter 27

33. What three things does Bob Ewell do that alarm Aunt Alexandria?

34. Why, according to Atticus, does Bob bear a grudge? Which people does Ewell see as his enemies, and why?

Chapter 28

35. Why does Jem say that Boo Radley must not be at home? What is ironic about this?

36. Scout decides to keep her costume on while walking home. How does this affect her understanding of what happens?

Chapter 29

37. What explanation does Atticus give for Bob Ewell's attack?

Chapter 30

38. Who does Atticus think caused Bob's death?

39. Why does Heck Tate insist that the death was self-inflicted? Is this partly true?

40. Is Heck Right to spare Boo the publicity of an inquest?

Chapter 31

41. As Scout stands on the Radley porch, how does she make sense of an earlier remark of Atticus's?

42. How much of it is a surprise to find what Boo Radley is really like? Has the story up to this point prepared the reader for this discovery?