**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Chapter 1, 2, 3**

1. Scout told Calpurnia, "He ain't company, Cal, he's just a Cunningham-", Calpurnia:

2. Who is Dill?

3. Atticus gave Scout some advice for getting along with "all kinds of folks." What was the advice he gave?

4. What does Atticus do for a living?

5. What is the setting of the story?

6. Who is Boo Radley?

7. Why do you think we feel differently about Burris Ewell than we do Walter Cunningham?

8. Why was Dill in Maycomb?

9. Where did Jem receive most of his information regarding Boo Radley?

10. What did Dill dare Jem to do?

11. To Kill a Mockingbird is told from what point of view?

12. According to Miss Stephanie, who did Boo Radley stab?

13. Why did the pecans from the Radley's trees lay untouched on the schoolyard?

14. Sometimes Jem would go off and play alone. When he did this, Scout knew he was thinking of his mother. What do you do and where do you go when you need to think or be alone?

15. Two of the children in Scout's class are obviously very poor. One is Walter Cunningham, and the other is Burris Ewell. Compare and contrast the two children and their families.

**Chapter 4, 5, 6**

16. What were Jem and Scout most looking forward to as summer came?

17. How did Dill explain Jem's missing pants?

18. What caught Scout's eye as she passed by the Radley Place one day after school?

19. Who asked Miss Maudie to marry each Christmas?

20. Who would be laughing from inside the house and why do you think he/she would have been laughing?

21. How did Scout end up in front of the Radley Place front steps?

22. What does Scout reveal she heard as she was rolling into the Radley front yard?

23. What happened to Jem, Scout, and Dill when they snuck to the back of the Radley house to peek inside?

24. Why does Jem sneak out at 2 o'clock in the morning?

25. Why does Dill want to invite Boo Radley to come outside and sit and talk?

26. The children unintentionally torment the Radleys with their "Radley family" game. Another instance of unthinking and unintentional cruelty is Scout's use of the word "nigger." When is a time you may have been unthinkingly or unintentionally cruel to someone?

27. If you were to leave treasures in a hidden place for someone, what would you leave and who would you intend to be the recipient?

**Chapter 7, 8, 9**

28. What was Jem's idea when he didn't have enough snow to make a snowman?

29. How did Scout happen to have a blanket wrapped around her shoulders during the fire?

30. Jem is on the verge of discussing something with Scout. What could it be?

31. What is Mr. Avery's belief about why it has snowed?

32. Why would there be no more items left in the knot-hole?

33. Why do you think Atticus has chosen to represent Tom Robinson?

34. Why was Jem so frightened after finding his pants?

35. What does Cecil Jacobs bring to Scout's attention?

36. Why are items left in the knot-hole only during the school year?

37. How did Jem remain calm when Miss Maude’s house was burning and it looked as if the Finch's house would burn also?

38. What made Scout think the world was ending?

39. Who did the snowman resemble?

40. What did Scout think was the only good thing about being in the second grade?

41. Describe your father. What does he like to do?

42. Tell about a great time you had on a first snowfall of the winter.

**Chapter 10, 11, 12**

43. What was Lula's reasoning for not wanting the children to attend the black church?

44. Who was sitting in a rocking chair on the Finch's porch when the children and Calpurnia came home from church?

45. How did the congregation of Calpurnia's church sing their hymns without hymn-books? Why didn't they have any hymn-books?

46. Why do you suppose Scout wants to go see Calpurnia at her own home?

47. What makes Jem destroy Mrs. Dubose's camellias?

48. What is Jem's response after Atticus shoots the mad dog?

49. What is it about Calpurnia that makes Scout think Cal is leading a double life?

50. What was Calpurnia's explanation for why Tom Robinson's wife couldn't find work?

51. What was Miss Maudie's explanation for Atticus' request that the children not shoot mockingbirds?

52. At this point in the story, Scout and Jem are concerned that their father isn't able to do things like play football, hunt, or fish. What values do you think the children will find are greater regarding their father?

53. In the first part of the novel Scout and Jem are just beginning to understand the complex morality of the adult world. Who is someone they might think of as evil from the first part of the novel?

54. What is Calpurnia's reason for not speaking the same with both groups of people?

55. Atticus' sage advice to Scout includes the remark: "before I can live with other folks I've got to live with myself." What does he say is the only thing that doesn't abide by majority rule?

**Chapter 13, 14, 15**

56. Explain what Scout meant when she tells us: "This was the second time I heard Atticus ask that question in two days, and it meant that somebody's man would get jumped."

57. What is it that Scout does that makes the dangerous mob break up and go back home?

58. Why would Aunt Alexander want Atticus to fire Calpurnia?

59. What simile does the author use to describe how Aunt Alexandra fit into Maycomb?

60. Why did Scout tell Atticus that she would like it very much if her aunt came to live with them?

61. What did Jem tell Scout he was afraid of after the group of men showed up?

62. What was Dill's real reason for running away?

63. How long did "for a while" mean in Maycomb?

64. What did Jem do that made Scout feel he had broken the "remaining code" of their childhood?

65. Why does Scout think there is a snake under her bed?

66. Why do you suppose Mr. Underwood was covering for Atticus with his shotgun if he does not like black people?

67. Explain why you think Dill would or would not like having an aunt like Aunt Alexandra.

68. What would you do if you were in Jem's place and Dill had just appeared under Scout's bed?

**Chapter 16, 17, 18**

69. What behaviors by the Ewells make us doubt their testimony?

70. What kind of mood is set as the people of Maycomb prepare for the trial of Tom Robinson?

71. What does Scout discover as she listens to "The Idlers' Club"?

72. Why do you suppose Mayella feels she is being made fun of when Atticus refers to her as a "Miss"?

73. What does Miss Maudie mean when she says that Mss Stephanie seemed to know so much about the case that she might as well be called on to testify?

74. How do Mayella and her father's testimonies contradict one another?

75. What simile does the author use to describe Judge Taylor?

76. What would be the significance of Mayella being beaten on the right side of her face?

77. Where did the children watch the trial from?

**Chapter 19, 20, 21**

78. Why do the black spectators in the courtroom stand as Atticus leaves?

79. What is the significance of Tom's admission that he felt sorry for Mayella?

80. What does Atticus do during his closing argument that Scout had never before, nor since, seen him do?

81. Who was the probably the only person who was ever friendly to Mayella Ewell?

82. Who does Scout think Mayella Ewell is lonelier than?

83. Why does Dolphus Raymond pretend to be a drunkard?

84. What is so startling about Tom Robinson as he was sworn in to testify?

85. What does Scout see when the jury returned to the courtroom that told Scout what their decision was?

86. What reason does Dolphus Raymond give for letting Scout and Dill in on his secret?

87. What do Scout and Dill find that Dolphus Raymond is drinking from the bottle he carries in a paper bag?

88. Scout's reactions to both Mayella and the prosecuting attorney reflect which advice from her father?

89. In Atticus' closing speech he declares that here is one kind of equality he believes in, what is it?

90. What is Dill's response to Tom's cross examination?

91. List all the reasons why we know that Tom Robinson is telling the truth.

92. Describe the people in your town as if they were going by your house.

**Chapter 22, 23, 24, 25**

93. What was Scout's reply when asked where her britches were?

94. Who was the one juror who wanted to find Tom Robinson innocent?

95. What is the hypocrisy revealed in the conversation of the ladies of the missionary aid society?

96. What was Tom Robinson's fate?

97. What explanation did Miss Maudie give for how Judge Taylor did his best to help Tom Robinson?

98. Why is Bob Ewell so upset after Tom Robinson is convicted?

99. Describe how Miss Maudie looked when she was very angry.

100. What makes Jem cry?

101. What does Mr. Underwood's editorial compare the killing of Tom Robinson to?

102. What was the significance of Miss Maudie's two little cakes and one large one?

103. Tell about a person you respect because they try as hard as they can to accomplish something.

104. Compare and contrast the ladies' remarks and feelings concerning the poor people of Africa with the remarks and feelings they have for the black people of Maycomb.

**Chapter 26, 27, 28**

105. How did Scout ruin Mrs. Merriweather's pageant?

106. Why was Jem seldom home before dark?

107. Why does Scout compare this time in their lives to the "era of Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose"?

108. What is the simile the author uses to describe the events of last summer?

109. What item of clothing does Aunt Alexandra retrieve for Scout to put on after she is finally freed from her ham costume?

110. What contradiction did Scout experience when Miss Gates explained the difference between America and Germany?

111. How do the children know that the person following them home in the dark isn't Cecil Jacobs?

112. What was the subject of the pageant?

113. Who do you think is the country man that Scout doesn't recognize?

114. How do we know Atticus has followed his own advice and has climbed into Bob Ewell's skin and "walked around in it?"

115. Why did Helen have to walk nearly a mile out of her way?

116. Who jumped out of the dark and frightened Jem and Scout as they were walking to the high school auditorium?

117. Who did Link Deas hire?

**Chapter 29, 30, 31**

118. Why does Heck Tate want to protect this person who killed Bob Ewell?

119. Describe Boo Radley's appearance.

120. Why did Dr. Reynolds have to give Jem medicine to "knock him out"?

121. Who does Atticus think Heck Tate is trying to protect?

122. How did Scout know she was under the tree?

123. Why did Atticus suggest going to sit outside on the porch rather than going to the living room?

124. Who is Heck Tate actually protecting by saying that Ewell fell on his own knife?

125. Explain in detail the hypocrisy that Miss Gates reveals in chapter 26.

126. Write about an experience in your life that has caused you to grow up a bit. Explain its impact on you. How did it affect your thinking?