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To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapters 7-9 Reading Questions

Chapter 7

1. What items did Jem and Scout find in the knothole in the Oak tree in front of the Radley house?
2. How did Scout feel about the second grade? What reassurance did Jem give her?
3. What did Jem tell Scout about the night he went back to the Radley house for his pants?
4. Who did Jem and Scout guess might have left the soap carvings in the tree?
5. What was the reason Mr. Nathan Radley gave for plugging the knothole with cement?
6. Why was Jem crying at the end of chapter 7?

Chapter 8

7. How was the weather peculiar that winter? What were the reasons Mr. Avery gave for the peculiar weather?
8. Why did Jem tell Scout not to walk on the snow?
9. Why doesn't Miss Maudie like the snow? What does she do about it?
10. Explain the process Jem and Scout went through to build their "Snowman".
11. Why did Atticus make Jem and Scout change the appearance of the snowman?
12. Whose house catches on fire? Who else's homes are in danger?

13. After the fire, what does Scout come home with that doesn't belong to her? Where did Atticus say it came from? Explain what the foreshadow/symbolism is with the house fire. (Ask Mr. Wang)

Chapter 9

14. What is the name of the man Atticus is defending? Why is this a problem for Scout at school?

15. Who does the Finch family pick up at Maycomb Junction on Christmas Eve?

16. What did Jem and Scout receive for Christmas from Atticus?

17. Where is the staircase to the "Daughter's Room" at Finch's Landing? What is the explanation for this?

18. What does Francis say about Dill?

19. What promise does Scout ask of Uncle Jack? Why does she ask him to do this? Does he keep his promise?

20. Why did Atticus want Scout to hear his conversation with Uncle Jack when she was supposed to be in bed?

Chapter 10

21. What are Scout's chief complaints about Atticus other than his occupation? Give specific examples.

22. Why does the fact that her father works in an office bother Scout?

23. Why is it a sin to kill a mockingbird? Explain the metaphor and how it relates to the book. (Ask Mr. Wang)

24. Who is Tim Johnson? What is wrong with him?

25. Who is Heck Tate? How does Scout describe him?

26. Why did Mr. Tate ask Atticus to shoot Tim Johnson? Why didn't he do it himself?

27. What is Miss Maudie's explanation of why Atticus doesn't hunt?

Chapter 11

28. What does Atticus tell Jem his job is in regards to Mrs. Dubose?

29. What did Jem buy with the money he received for his 12th birthday?

30. What did Jem do in reaction to Mrs. Dubose's statements about Atticus? What is Scout's explanation for why he did this? Why do you think he reacted this way?

31. What does Atticus say is the one thing that does not abide by majority rule?

32. What did Jem have to do for Mrs. Dubose after he apologized?

33. What did Scout notice about Mrs. Dubose's alarm clock?

34. What was the real reason Mrs. Dubose wanted Jem to read to her?

35. Why did Mrs. Dubose send Jem a camellia?