To Kill a Mockingbird

Part One Chapters 1-8

Complete the following questions below in section 4 of your notebook. Be sure to staple this sheet into this section as well.

Chapter 1 (pgs 3-19)

- 1. We are introduced to Scout, our narrator, and her family. Who is in her family?
- 2. How is Maycomb, Alabama described?
- 3. Who are the Radley's?
- 4. Who is Dill? What does he do with Jem and Scout? Explain.

Chapter 2 (pgs 20-29)

- 5. Explain Scout's first day of school. What mistakes does she make? How do they make her teacher, Miss Caroline, feel? Explain.
- 6. Who are the Cunningham's?

Chapter 3 (pgs 30-42)

- 7. What does Calpurnia say to Scout about how she treated Walter Cunningham? What relationship does Calpurnia have to Scout, Jem, and Atticus? Why?
- 8. What do Burris Ewell, Walter Cunningham, and Chuck Little have in common? What happens during Scout's class?
- 9. What differences are there between the Cunningham's and the Ewell's?
- 10. Why does Atticus say to Scout: "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it" (39)? What does she being to realize?
- 11. What is the compromise Atticus suggests to Scout?

Chapter 4 (pgs 43-54)

- 12. How does Scout describe her school life?
- 13. What does Scout find on the ground? What does she do with it?
- 14. What does Jem find? Where does he find this item?
- 15. When Dill arrives, what does Jem and Scout do to play with him? Explain their activity and what happens.
- 16. What are the two reasons Scout quits the "Radley game"?

Chapter 5 (pgs 55-66)

- 17. Who is Miss Maudie? Describe her.
- 18. Why does Miss Maudie say: "You know old Mr. Radley was a foot-washing Baptist" (59)?
- 19. What is Miss Maudie's point when she comments that Atticus is a drunk (60)?
- 20. What does Atticus say about the Radley's right to privacy? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

Chapter 6 (pgs 67-76)

- 21. Why do Jem and Dill go to the Radley's house that night? Does Scout go along with their plan? Why or why not?
- 22. What happens that night? Explain their situation.

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23. How does Atticus respond to this incident? What does this tell us about Jem's relationship with his father?

Chapter 7 (pgs. 77-84)

- 24. Has Scout's attitude towards school changed now that she is in the second grade? Why or why not?
- 25. What happened to Jem's pants from that night in chapter 6?
- 26. What new gifts are found in the knot-hole?
- 27. What does Nathan Radley do to the tree? Why?

Chapter 8 (pgs 85-98)

- 28. How do Jem and Scout make a snowman in Alabama? Who do they have the snowman resemble? Why?
- 29. What happens to Miss Maudie's house?
- 30. What is given to Scout while all of Maycomb is out that late night? Who gave it to her? Why?
- 31. Why does Atticus want to keep this item a secret?
- 32. How does Miss Maudie feel about what happened to her house?

Part Two Chapters 9-15

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Chapter 9 (pgs 99-117)

- 1. What is the cause for Scout to be upset with Cecil Jacobs?
- 2. How does Atticus explain the following to Scout:
 - a. The use of the word "nigger"
 - b. Why he is defending Tom Robinson
 - c. How he thinks the case will turn out.
- 3. Why does Scout not fight Cecil Jacobs when given another opportunity?
- 4. Who are the following relatives that Scout visits with at Christmas at Finch's Landing?
 - a. Uncle Jack Finch
 - b. Aunt Alexandra
 - c. Francis
 - d. Uncle Jimmy
 - e. Rose Aylmer
- 5. Describe Finch's Landing.
- 6. What differences are there between Scout and Francis? Explain referring to gifts they receive, hobbies they have, and how they act towards each other.
- 7. What does Francis do that sets Scout off? How does Scout react? How does Francis respond?
- 8. Summarize the conversation between Atticus and Jack. What do they talk about? What advice do they give to each other about their situations?

Chapter 10 (pgs 118-131)

- 9. According to Scout, what faults does her father have? Develop a list that she sees.
- 10. Does Atticus want his children to learn how to shoot their air-rifles? Why or why not?
- 11. What is Miss Maudie's explanation as to why is it a sin to kill a mockingbird?
- 12. What benefits does their father have, according to Miss Maudie? What can he do? What are Scout and Jem surprised about?

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- 13. Who is Tim Johnson? What happens to him?
- 14. Who is Heck Tate?
- 15. What new information do Scout and Jem find out about their father? How do they feel about learning this information?

Chapter 11 (pgs 132-149)

- 16. Who is Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose? How is she described? How does Atticus treat her? How do Scout and Jem?
- 17. What does Mrs. Dubose say about Atticus to Jem and Scout? How does Jem respond?
- 18. Again, Atticus explains why he is defending Tom Robinson by saying, "...I couldn't go to church and worship God if I didn't try to help that man" (139). What is his reason? Has it changed from before?
- 19. What does Jem have to do with Mrs. Dubose? Why?
- 20. How does Jem spend these afternoons with Mrs. Dubose? For what reason?
- 21. Who is Attitcus talking about in this quote: "I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand" (149). Why does he think this person is courageous?

Chapter 12 (pgs 150-168)

- 22. Since Jem is now 12, what are the differences between him and Scout? How are they distant from each other?
- 23. Where does Calpurnia take Jem and Scout? Why?
- 24. What are the differences that Scout notices about the First Purchase African M.E. Church and her own?
- 25. How does Calpurnia act at church? Is she being honest or hypocritical in her actions and what she stands for? Explain.

Chapter 13 (pgs 169-179)

- 26. Who comes to visit the Finch's? Why?
- 27. How does this person fit-in with the rest of Maycomb?
- 28. What is this person expecting Scout to do and be like?
- 29. Why does Scout comment: "I know now what he was trying to do, but Atticus was only a man. It takes a woman to do that kind of work" (179)?

Chapter 14 (pgs 180-193)

- 30. What is Aunt Alexandra's opinion of Calpurnia?
- 31. What does Atticus say to defend Calpurnia?
- 32. Who appears under Scout's bed? Why?
- 33. How does Jem break the "code of our childhood (187-188)?

Chapter 15 (pgs. 194-207)

- 34. Who appears outside the Finch house? What do they want?
- 35. What is the concern surrounding Tom Robinson's move to the Maycomb jail?
- 36. What occurs outside the Maycomb jail? Who else shows up at this scene?
- 37. Why does Scout say: "Hey, Mr. Cunningham" (204)? How does Mr. Cunningham respond?
- 38. What happens as a result of Scout's attempt at a conversation? How does Atticus respond?

Part Three Chapters 16-21

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Chapter 16 (pgs 208-221)

- 1. How does Atticus act towards Aunt Alexandra?
- 2. Why was Mr. Underwood, the Maycomb newspaper editor, there last night at the jail? Who does he hate?
- 3. How does Atticus explain the mob's actions at the jail to Jem and Scout? What is the significance of Jem, Scout, and Dill's presence during that situation?
- 4. Who is Mr. Dolphus Raymond? What is he though of in Maycomb?
- 5. What is the courtroom like on that first day of the Robinson trial?
- 6. Who is Revered Sykes? Where do Jem, Scout, and Dill sit?
- 7. Describe Judge Taylor on this first day. What are some of his rules?

Chapter 17 (pgs 222-238)

- 8. Who is Mr. Heck Tate? What does he say about the Robinson case while on the stand?
- 9. How are the Ewell's described? Where do they live? How do they live?
- 10. When Mr. Robert Ewell goes to the stand, what is his version of what happened?
- 11. By the end of this chapter, what is concluded about Mayella Ewell's injuries?

Chapter 18 (pgs 239-253)

- 12. What is Mayella's version of what happened between her and Tom Robinson?
- 13. How is Mayella both disgusting and pathetic. Find an example of what she does for both qualities.
- 14. What is revealed about Tom Robinson's physical appearance?
- 15. How does Atticus treat Mayella when questioning her? How does Mayella respond? Why do you think so?

Chapter 19 (pgs 254-266)

- 16. In contrast to the Ewells, what kind of person is Tom Robinson? How do you know?
- 17. What is Tom Robinson's version of what happened between him and Mayella Ewell on Nov. 21?
- 18. Why does Tom feel "sorry for" Mayella (264)? Is this sympathy appropriate or not? Explain.
- 19. Does Tom Robinson make a case for himself? Do you think people will believe his story or not? Explain.

Chapter 20 (pgs 267-275)

- 20. What is really in Mr. Raymond's paper sack? Why does he defend his deliberate appearances of being the town drunk?
- 21. What does Mr. Raymond share with Scout, Jem, and Dill about his life? Why does he?
- 22. What are the main points of Atticus' closing statement?

Chapter 21 (pgs 276-284)

- 23. What does Scout, Jem, and Dill do while the jury deliberates?
- 24. How does Scout know the verdict before she hears it? What does she look for?
- 25. What's the verdict? Are you surprised or not? Explain.
- 26. Why do the Negroes stand when Atticus leaves the courtroom?

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Chapter 22 (pgs 284-290)

- 1. What is Jem's response to the verdict? Why?
- 2. What is Atticus' reaction to the verdict? Why?
- 3. What comes to the Finish family as a result of the trial? Why?
- 4. How does Miss Maudie explain the trail and Atticus' job to Jem, Scout, and Dill? Why does she say "it's a baby step" (289)?
- 5. What does Dill want to be when he gets older? Why?

Chapter 23 (pgs 291-304)

- 6. What happened between Atticus and Mr. Ewell? How does Atticus respond?
- 7. What is Atticus doing to help Tom Robinson?
- 8. Why does Jem blame the jury for the outcome of the Robinson trial?
- 9. What does Atticus mean when he says, "...when it's a white man's word against a black man's, the white man always wins" (295)?
- 10. What does Atticus think of the Cunninghams?
- 11. What does Aunt Alexandra mean when she refers to the Cunninghams as "not our kind of folks" (299)?
- 12. What's Scout's reaction to her aunt's comments? What does she mean by "...there's just one kind of folks. Folks." (304)?

Chapter 24 (pgs 305-318)

- 13. What happens at Aunt Alexandra's missionary circle's meeting? What do they talk about?
- 14. What is the irony of Mrs. Merriweather's admiration for J. Grimes Everett and her attitude toward a trial (308-311)?
- 15. What does Scout learn about being a lady from this experience? Explain.

Chapter 25 (pgs 319-323)

- 16. What happens to Tom Robinson?
- 17. How does most of the town react to this?
- 18. In what way is Mr. Underwood's editorial in the Maycomb Tribune similar to Atticus' advice to Jem and Scout when they received their guns?

Chapter 26 (pgs 324-331)

- 19. Since Scout and Jem are growing up, what are they doing now? Grades? Attitude to school? Appearance? Interest in the Radley's?
- 20. How does Scout feel about her Current Events period? Explain.
- 21. What is the irony about Miss Gates' lecture on democracy when compared to comments on the trial?
- 22. When Scout tries to tell Jem about Miss Gates, why does Jem react so violently? How does Atticus explain the situation to her.

Chapter 27 (pgs 332- 340)

- 23. What are three threatening "things" that happened in Maycomb by the middle of October?
- 24. What was Scout and Jem's routine that fall?
- 25. What are some changes in Maycomb?

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26. What is Scout's role in the school's pageant? Who is planning on attending it with her? Who is not? Why?

Chapter 28 (pgs 341-357)

- 27. What does Cecil Jacobs do to Scout and Jem before the pageant?
- 28. What happens at the pageant?
- 29. What happens on the way home from the school's pageant? What things do Jem and Scout think the noises may be? Who do they think is responsible?
- 30. What is the skirmish under the tree involving Jem and Scout? Who else is involved?

Chapter 29 (pgs 358-362)

- 31. What happens to Jem, Scout, and those involved in the skirmish under the tree?
- 32. What is Scout's story of what happened on the way home from the pageant?
- 33. What does Atticus and Heck Tate say about Bob Ewell? Whom do you agree with? Why?
- 34. Who actually saves Jem and Scout? What is Scout's first meeting with this person like?

Chapter 30 (pgs 363-370)

- 35. How do Scout and Boo act towards each other?
- 36. What do Atticus and Heck Tate have a heated argument about? Why?
- 37. How does Scout assure Atticus that Mr. Tate is right?

Chapter 31 (pgs. 371-376)

- 38. As Scout takes Boo home, what does she understand now from this new point of view?
- 39. How does Harper Lee, the author, end this novel? What mood does she leave the reader? Why?