**To Kill A Mocking Bird Reading Guide – Part 2**

Chapter 12

“It’s not necessary to tell all you know. It’s not ladylike – in the second place, folks don’t like to have somebody around knowin’ more than they do.”

1. Why doesn’t Dill plan to come to Maycomb this summer?
2. Why are Jem and Scout so welcome in this church?
3. Why can’t Helen Robinson get work?
4. **What do the children notice about Calpurnia’s behavior in her church community?**

Chapter 13

“For no reason I felt myself beginning to cry, but I could not stop. This was not my father.”

1. Why has Aunt Alexandra come?
2. Why does Aunt Alexandra get angry with Atticus?
3. **What does Atticus tell the children about being Finches?**

Chapter 14

“From rape to riot to runaways.”

1. **“Then {Jem} rose and broke the remaining code of our childhood.” What new violation causes Scout to make this comment? What earlier breach of the childhood cod can you remember?**
2. What solution does Atticus offer to the problem of Dill’s presence?

Chapter 15

“The nightmare was upon us.”

1. Why have the neighbors gathered in the Finches’ front yard?
2. Who is Mr. Underwood?
3. Where do the children find Atticus at 10 o’clock on Sunday?
4. **What has Mr. Underwood been doing during the mob scene?**

Chapter 16

“Don’t talk like that in front of them.”

1. In the eyes of the community, what is Dolphus Raymond’s problem?
2. Why isn’t Miss Maudie going to court?
3. What about Atticus’s defense of Tom Robinson does Scout learn from the Idlers’ Club?
4. Where do the children sit for the trial? What does this tell you?

Chapter 17

“People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for. . . “

1. What is the first point Atticus tries to make in court?
2. During the discussion of Mayella’s injuries, what key fact seems important to Atticus?
3. **What detail in the description of the Ewell cabin makes the reader guess that perhaps Mayella is different from the rest of her family?**
4. Why does Atticus ask Mr. Ewell to write his name?

Chapter 18

“What on earth was her life like?”

1. What dramatic fact do we learn about Tom Robinson at the end of Mayella’s testimony?
2. Atticus is trying to get Mayella to make a confession. What does he want her to admit?

Chapter 19

“Mr. Finch, if you was a nigger like me, you’d be scared, too.”

1. According to Tom’s story, when did he “bust up the chiffarobe”?
2. On the day of Tom’s “crime” where were the seven Ewell children?
3. **When Mr. Ewell arrived, what did he see through the window that infuriated him?**

Chapter 20

“The case is as simple as black and white.”

1. Why is he willing to let the children in on his secret?
2. What does Atticus say is “the worst thing you can do”?
3. What “crime” does Atticus say Mayella feels guilty for?

Chapter 21

“Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your father’s passin’.”

1. Why did Cal come to court?
2. How long was the jury out?
3. How does Scout know that Tom has not been acquitted even before the jury reports?
4. What happens as Atticus leaves the courtroom?

Chapter 22

“. . . only children weep.”

1. What does Atticus find in the kitchen on the morning after the trial?
2. What is the feeling among the white neighbors (Maudie excluded) on Atticus’s defeat?
3. What has Dill decided to be when he grows up? Why?
4. **What is Bob Ewell’s response to the verdict?**
5. Chapter 23 Where is Tom Robinson in this chapter?
6. How does Atticus define “trash”? How does Aunt Alexandria?
7. **List the categories in Jem’s social hierarchy – the four kinds of folks in the world.**
8. **What kinds of folks are in Scout’s hierarchy?**

Chapter 24

“I guess Tom was tired of white men’s chances and preferred to take his own.”

1. What does the “business” part of the Missionary Society consist of?
2. Who are the “hypocrites” Mrs. Merriweather mentions?
3. **What news does Atticus bring to Aunt Alexandria, Maudie, and Scout?**

Chapter 25

“. . . in the secret courts of men’s hearts Atticus had no case.”

1. **Mr. Ewell said Tom’s death meant “one down and about two more to go.” What does he mean?**

Chapter 26

“So many things had happened to us, Boo Radley was the least of our fears.”

1. Although she thought it had escaped his notice, Scout learns in this chapter that Atticus has known of one of her “crimes” for a long time. Which one?
2. What has Scout overheard that confuses her about Miss Gates’s view of Hitler?

Chapter 27

“Thus began our longest journey together.”

1. Who does Bob Ewell blame for his loss of the WPA job?
2. What happened at Judge Taylor’s house?
3. What event has been added to the fall social calendar in Maycomb?

Chapter 28

“Run, Scout! Run! Run!”

1. Who scares the Finch children on the way to the pageant?
2. Who are the “four people under the tree”?
3. How does Jem get home?
4. What questions does Scout ask again and again?
5. Who is the children’s attacker? How did he die?

Chapter 29

“’Hey, Boo,’ I said.”

1. What unexpected advantage did the ham outfit supply?

Chapter 30

“Thank you for my children, Arthur.”

1. Who killed Bob Ewell? (Be careful with this one.)
2. What was the murder weapon?
3. What does the switchblade Heck Tate uses for demonstration have to do with all this?