

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS: CHAPTERS 16-20: To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapter 16

1. (a) Why does Scout cry after returning home from the jail? (b) How does Jem's treatment of Scout reflect his maturity?

2. What does Maycomb's turnout for the trial imply about human nature?

3. Why is Scout confused after overhearing remarks about her father's defense of Tom Robinson?

Chapter 17

4. What does Atticus attempt to establish through Heck Tate's testimony?

5. (a) What does Atticus attempt to establish through Bob Ewell's testimony? (b) What impression is the reader left with of Bob Ewell as he takes the witness stand?

Chapter 18

6.(a) What does Mayella's testimony add to the case? (b) What startling revelation is made about Tom?

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Chapter 19

7. Scout acquires an important realization about Mayella and Boo Radley's lives during Tom's testimony. Discuss the realization Scout acquires with regard to their lives and its significance.

8. Why is it significant that Dill should be the one to get sick in the courtroom?

Chapter 20

9. (a) What insights do Scout and Dill receive outside the courtroom from Dolphus Raymond?
(b) In reference to Dill, what pessimistic note does Dolphus Raymond cast? (c) What is the implication of the remark?

10. What is Atticus actually condemning in his closing remarks to the jury? (b) What is the target of Atticus' final plea?