

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS: CHAPTERS 6-10: To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapter 6

1. (a) What is significant about Jem's decision to make a lone, nocturnal return to the Radley Place? (b) What is the outcome of Jem's return? (c) What is significant to Jem with regard to the outcome?

2. (a) What conclusions does the town come to regarding the disturbance at the Radley Place? (b) What is significant about the town's conclusions?

Chapter 7

3. (a) What bewildering incidents occur to Jem and Scout in the week following Jem's return to the Radley Place? (b) What objects do they find in the knot-hole? (c) What is Scout's response to the trinkets found in the knot-hole? (d) Why is it significant that Jem had been crying?

Chapter 8

4. How do people react to the fire at Miss Maudie's house?

5. (a) How characteristics does Miss Maudie demonstrate following the fire? (b) What is ironic about Miss Maudie's response? (c) What does Miss Maudie's response foreshadow?

Chapter 9

6. What can be deduced about the character of Atticus from his defense of Tom Robinson?

7. Contrast Aunt Alexandra and Atticus. (a) What does each value w/regard to the upbringing of children? (b) In what ways are those values different? (c) In what ways are they similar?

8. How does Atticus hope to prevent Jem and Scout from catching the disease of most people in Maycomb?

Chapter 10

9. (a) In what way do Jem and Scout view Atticus at the beginning of the chapter? (b) What changes their view of Atticus? (c) What does the change in their view of Atticus foreshadow?

10. Why does Atticus tell his children that it is a sin to kill a mockingbird? What does Miss Maudie add to Atticus' words? Explain the symbolic meaning of the mockingbird.