

Review for Test chapters 18-31

1. Mayella Ewell is a pathetic woman, give examples of why she is pathetic

She blames an innocent black man for beating and raping her when she is the one who tried lured in Tom

2. What is so important about Tom's physical appearance? What according to the testimony, does this prove beyond a doubt?

His left hand is 12 inches shorter than his right. Mayella had been punched in the right eye, by someone who was left handed.

3. In contrast with the Ewells, what kind of person is Tom Robinson? Explain with evidence.

Honorable, respectable. His employer, Link Deas stood up for him and told the court that he had never had a problem with Tom.

4. Why does Atticus mention Tom's previous record of conviction?

To state that it was already in the records, he did not want to hide anything

5. According to Tom's testimony, what happened on November 21? Be specific.

Mayella asked Tom to chop up a chiffarobe. Tom agreed because he said "he felt sorry for her." Mayella wrapped her arms around Tom's waist and tried to kill him. Bob Ewell saw that happening in the window and started yelling, so Tom ran.

6. Paraphrase Atticus's summation to the jury

He asked the jury to believe Tom, regardless of prejudices. He emphasizes that the court should be the one place that people are treated equally.

7. Why do the black people stand when Atticus leaves the court room?

They are proud that Atticus did his best

8. How does Atticus react to Bob Ewell's threat against him?

He does not take it personally

9. What does Mrs. Merriweather say about Eleanor Roosevelt?

She "sits with" black people. She thinks black and white people should live their own lives separately

10. In what way in Mr. Underwood's editorial in the Maycomb Tribune similar to Atticus's advice to Jem and Scout when they got their guns? What is this called again?

Said it was “a sin to kill cripples, be they standing, sitting, or escaping.’ He likened Tom’s death to the senseless slaughter of songbirds by hunters and children. SYMBOLISM

11. What is the irony of Miss Gate’s lecture on democracy when compared to her comments at the trial?

After Tom Robinson’s case she had stated that “It’s time someone taught them a lesson...” Scout wonders how she can hate Hitler for treating people unkindly when Miss Gate has hatred for people in her own community

12. What 3 threatening things happen in Maycomb by the middle of October?

1. Mr. Ewell followed Helen Robinson to work 2. Judge Taylor’s house was burglarized 3. Mr. Ewell acquired and lost a job in a matter of days

13. Who saved Jem and Scout?

Boo

14. When she takes Boo home, Scout understands many new things. Explain some of these new things.

Boo gave them a lot of things and they never returned the favor

15. What is one thing we know about Mr. Ewell?

He got nasty when he was drunk

16. How does Atticus’s attitude shift from when he begins to question Mayella to when the end of when is questioning her?

Starts out calm, turns more stern after Mayella refuses to answer some of his questions

17. What is Atticus’s final request to the jury before resting his case?

To believe Tom

18. Explain Aunt Alexandra’s get-together that she has at the Finches house

It was a missionary group

19. What mistake did Tom Robinson make during his testimony?

Said he felt “sorry” for Mayella... She is white and he is black, how could he possibly feel bad for her?

20. Who is Mrs. Farrow? What she say about women in Maycomb County?

She was the "second most devout lady in Maycomb. She said there is "no safe ladies in their bed these nights."

21. What will Tom Robinson's sentence be if he loses the trial?

Death

22. How has Scout's relationship with Boo Radley changed?

In a way they are Boo's children too now because he saved them

23. Discuss the controversy over how Mr. Ewell died

Atticus thought Jem might have done it, he wanted Jem to live without having a lie over his shoulders

Sheriff Tate said he fell accidentally on the knife and it was self-inflicted... Atticus thought Heck was trying to protect by he was actually protecting Boo, who killed Mr. Ewell. Scout understands this cover up and compares the trial of Boo to shooting a mockingbird (symbolism again)