

Name _____ Period _____
To Kill A Mockingbird—Chapters 15-22

Required:

- Make up a title for each chapter.
- Notice the Key Quote as you read, & jot down who says it. Analyze what the reader learns; identify why it is important. If you aren't sure, guess. (The page number is not given; I did this on purpose.)
- Jot down important events in the chapter. Include how much time is passing – and children's ages.
- As you read, think about the analytical questions. Any notes made about these need to be on separate paper, clearly labeled. *You may need to hand in these notes without warning.*

Reminder: Be careful with language! Certain words should neither be spoken nor written unless you are quoting directly.

Chapter 15 – _____

Key quote: "A nightmare was upon us."

Important events:

1. What does Atticus tell the children about the KKK? Do you believe him?
2. Atticus says, "No, son, those were our friends." What error is Jem committing that Atticus refuses to commit?
3. Compare and contrast the two "mob" scenes in this chapter. Be sure to consider how Atticus handles them.

Chapter 16 – _____

Key quote: "Don't talk like that in front of them."

Important events:

4. How old is Scout now? How has she changed? Hint: why does she cry?
5. Was Atticus really in danger? Note: Consider Mr. Underwood. Also, explain why Underwood, a man who supposedly "despises Negroes," did what he did.
6. Atticus says, "you children last night made Walter Cunningham stand in my shoes for a minute." Explain that.
7. What's odd about Dolphus Raymond? Define "trash" as the town uses it.
8. What makes a "mixed child" "real sad"? What does this tell you about the society?
9. Authorial choice: Why does Lee have Scout ask, "Well how do you know we ain't Negroes?"

Chapter 17 – _____

Key quote: “People generally see what they look for, and hear what they listen for...”

Key quote: “Our nightmare had gone with daylight, everything would come out all right.”

Important events:

10. Describe Mr. Tate and explain his testimony. Whose side is he on?
11. Describe Mr. Ewell and explain his testimony. Do you trust him? Why does he get angry at Atticus?
12. Ewell comments, as Atticus cross-examines him, that the “nest” of Black families is “dangerous” and devalues his property. Why is this comment ironic? Even more ironic, what is the grain of truth in his statement?

Chapter 18 – _____

Key quote: “What on earth was her life like?”

Important events:

13. Describe Mayella Ewell by explaining the key quote; connect it to why Mayella gets angry at Atticus as soon as he begins to question her.
14. Explain Mayella’s testimony. Do you pity her?
15. Does the judge seem to be fair? Impartial? Is there any evidence that he leans toward one side?
16. Where are the children during the trial? Which adults would approve? Which would disapprove?
17. Compare the crowd listening to this trial to the crowd in *Inherit the Wind*.

Chapter 19 – _____

Key quote: Who “must have been the loneliest person in the world”? Why?

Important events:

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18. Explain “what her papa do to her don’t count.”
19. Consider Tom Robinson’s testimony. Do you believe him? Why or why not?
20. What mistake does Tom make on the stand?
21. Authorial choice: why does Lee have Scout comment, “Well, after all, he’s just a Negro”? To what extent has Scout fallen sick with Maycomb’s “usual disease”? What evidence is there that she will or will not outgrow this?

Chapter 20 – _____

[No key quote]

Important events:

22. Describe Dolphus Raymond and what you learn from and about him.
23. Sum up Atticus’s closing statement. Is it effective? Could you improve on it?

Chapter 21 – _____

Key quote: “I saw something only a lawyer’s child could be expected to see...”

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

Important events:

24. Is the verdict what Jem expected? Was it what you expected?

Chapter 22 – _____

Key quotes: “It was Jem’s turn to cry” and “Atticus’s eyes filled with tears.” Compare and contrast.

Important events:

25. What does Miss Maudie explain to the children, to Jem especially?
26. Explain Dill’s career plans, and his reasons for this choice.