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*To Kill A Mockingbird*—Chapters 9-14

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 9 –** \_\_\_\_\_

Key quote: "This order...was the beginning of a rather thin time for Jem and me" (74).

Important events:

Before answering, reread the first 3 pages of the chapter out loud.

1. Find the quote about being "common." Summarize the conversation. Explain the speaker's meaning and analyze what we learn about him or her from these words.
2. Explain the case Atticus is taking. Using quotes, analyze why it connects so deeply to Atticus's beliefs. Write a character sketch of Atticus based on this issue.
3. Scout walks away from a fight for the first time in her life, and Jem sneaks back into the Radley yard to get his pants. Summarize each event, and explain what a reader can infer about both Scout and Jem based on their choices. Finally, point out how these two events are connected.
4. Describe Aunt Alexandra as seen through Scout's eyes. Be sure to critique her as Scout would.
5. Find the quote about "Maycomb's usual disease." Summarize the conversation. Explain the speaker's meaning and analyze what we learn about him or her from these words.
6. Write a short journal entry for Uncle Jack in which he explains why and how he punished Scout. Be sure to include Scout's complaint about his action, and his reaction to her thoughts. If you can, also comment on his thoughts about Atticus's new case.

**Chapter 10 –** \_\_\_\_\_

Key quote: "Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird" (90).

Important events:

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7. Compare and contrast the children's opinion of Atticus at the start and the end of the chapter. Be sure to explain the reasons for their changing viewpoint.
8. What is the crisis in this chapter? Why might Lee have placed it here in the story—what might it foreshadow? What thematic statement might it make?
9. "People in their right minds never take pride in their talents," says Miss Maudie. Explain her meaning and analyze what we learn about her from these words. Explain whether you agree.

## Chapter 11 – \_\_\_\_\_

Key quote: "I wanted you to see what courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what" (112).

Important events:

10. Summarize the Mrs. Dubose episode. Why do you think Lee "interrupted" the story of the trial to tell us about this old lady? Connect your answer to the key quote listed above—who said it? About whom? Why? How do you think it will connect to the rest of the story?
11. Find and reread the passage in which Scout asks Atticus to explain a troubling word. Although Atticus claims that it's "just one of those terms that don't mean anything," the astute reader knows that many people in Maycomb would disagree. Write a short journal entry for Atticus in which he reflects on his conversation with Scout. Be sure to address the following issues: is he satisfied by his own answer? Does he think that Scout fully understood? How does he plan to protect his children against negative attitudes?

(PART TWO begins)

## Chapter 12 – \_\_\_\_\_

Key quote: "It's not necessary to tell all you know" (126).

Important events:

12. "I sensed, rather than saw, that we were being advanced upon" (119). What is the mood at this moment (before Zeebo speaks)? Be sure to quote the passage in your answer. [This is important! It foreshadows another gathering of people later.]
13. Compare and contrast Calpurnia's church with Scout's regular church. Discuss whether it is unusual for white people to attend Cal's church. Reread the exchange between Calpurnia and Lula; what can a reader infer about the African-American community?

14. Explain at least three things we learn about Calpurnia in this chapter. (Hint: Scout does not understand something important!) Analyze whether any of these things might make her an especially appropriate caregiver for the Finch children.

**Chapter 13 – \_\_\_\_\_**

Key quote: “ ‘Stop that noise,’ Atticus said. His curtness stung me” (134).

Important events:

15. Scout tells us, “Somewhere, I had received the impression that Fine Folks were people who did the best they could with the sense they had, but Aunt Alexandra was of the opinion, obliquely expressed, that the longer a family had been squatting on one patch of land the finer it was” (130). Explain what each person’s definition means. They are both right—explain why.
16. Summarize the final conversation and paraphrase the last paragraph of the chapter. Explain Atticus’s motive here. Why does Scout say that would take a woman? What can a reader infer about each of them?

**Chapter 14 – \_\_\_\_\_**

Key quote: “From rape to riot to runaways” (142).

Important events:

17. Both sets of siblings in the house have arguments. Compare and contrast the nature of and reason for the conflicts.
18. Explain who Scout must “mind” (obey) now. What can a reader infer about Atticus based on this change?
19. Summarize the circumstances of Dill’s return. Analyze how Jem’s reaction shows that he has changed.