



TKM Notes—Chapters 1-3



★ Setting—Maycomb, Alabama
1930s



★ Scout is our narrator (Jean Louise)
—tomboy who likes to fight



★ Novel focuses on human dignity
and the roles of blacks in southern
life



TKM Chapters 1-3



★ Radley place is like a haunted house.



★ Boo—hasn't been seen in 15 years —drove a scissors into his parent's leg.



★ When farmer's are poor, everyone's poor.



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★ Walter Cunningham—doesn't have money—never takes anything because he can't pay it back—pays with
--hickory nuts, stove wood, turnip greens...





TKM Chapters 1-3

- ★ Burris Ewell—only comes to school the first day every year.
- ★ Ewell family is poorer than Cunninghams(hunt out of season; several kids)
- ★ Atticus's advice to Scout—You never understand a person til you see his point of view and climb into his skin and walk around in it.



TKM Chapters 4-7

- ★ Items found in the Radley Tree
 - Chewing gum
 - 2 polished Indian head pennies
 - Gray ball of twine
 - Two images of a boy and girl carved in soap





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- More chewing gum
- Tarnished spelling bee medal
- Pocket watch that doesn't work
- Aluminum knife





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- ★ Jem, Dill, and Scout play the “Boo Radley Game” They act out the family story.
- ★ Throughout the story, the kids want to know why Boo stays inside.



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- ★ They sneak out to peek in the blinds
- ★ Shadow scares them
- ★ Jem's pants get caught on the fence
- ★ Mr. Radley fires a shot
- ★ Jem goes back to get his pants and finds them folded and sewn up.
- ★ Tree is filled with cement.



TKM Chapters 8-9

- ★ Miss Maudie's house starts on fire
- ★ Boo puts a blanket on Scout during the commotion of the fire.
- ★ Miss Maudie's response to her loss
 - Now she'll have a larger yard and smaller house! Positive.





TKM Chapters 8-9

- ★ Atticus defends a black man. This case affects him personally. He wouldn't be able to hold up his head if he didn't take it.
- ★ “We’re fighting our friends.” The family will have to stand up to prejudiced neighbors and friends of Maycomb.



TKM Chapters 8-9

★ Finch family rift—

- Don't agree with Atticus's raising of his kids
- “nigger lover”
- They feel he's disgracing the family name



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★ Maycomb's usual disease=narrow mindedness and prejudice.



TKM Chapters 10-11

- ★ Atticus—nicknamed Ol' One-Shot—he was the best shot in Maycomb county.
- ★ He shot Tim Johnson—rabid dog.
- ★ God gave him an unfair advantage, so he only shot when absolutely necessary.



TKM Chapters 10-11

- ★ Mrs. Dubose---mean, sick old woman.
- ★ Jem destroys all her camellias because she insulted Atticus.
- ★ Each day Jem had to read to her.
- ★ She was a morphine addict; she died free from drugs.



TKM Chapters 10-11

★ 3 Examples of Adult Bravery in Part 1

- Miss Maudie---rebuilds house after fire—said she wanted a larger yard
- Atticus—unafraid to shoot the rabid dog
- Mrs. Dubose—bravery in facing a painful death.



TKM—Chapters 12-13

- ★ Jem is growing up—doesn't share same interests with Scout.
- ★ Jem and Scout go to church with Cal.
- ★ Cal switches back to a negro dialect—hides her education
- ★ No one leaves until they have \$10
- ★ Tom is accused of raping Bob Ewell's daughter.



TKM—Chapters 12-13

- ★ Aunt Alexandra comes to stay
 - Wants to make Scout a lady
 - She thinks Atticus defending Tom will ruin the family name
 - Believes in heredity (caste system)—
things repeat generation after generation
 - Finches are better than everyone else



TKM—Chapters 14-15

- ★ Aunt Alexandra wants to fire Cal
- ★ Dill's under Scout's bed—he's run away.
- ★ We learn that no body wants Dill around—they get along better without him.



TKM—Chapters 14-15

- ★ Townspeople warn Atticus there might be trouble at the jail.
- ★ Atticus's idiosyncrasies
 - Never ate desserts
 - Always walked





TKM—Chapters 14-15

- ★ Atticus sits outside the jail to protect Tom from the crowd.
- ★ Scout makes Cunningham realize what he's doing.
- ★ Mr. Underwood, editor of Tribune, is watching over events with a shot gun.
- ★ Crowd was blinded by emotion and ignorance.



TKM—Chapters 16-17

- ★ Scout—almost 9; Jem—13
- ★ We find out Braxton Underwood despises negroes, yet he's there to watch over Atticus and Tom
- ★ People have blind spots; they don't recognize their own weaknesses.
- ★ Mr. Dolphus Raymond—sips a bottle out of paper—sits with colored people.



TKM—Chapters 16-17

- ★ Blacks sit up in the balcony in the courtroom.
- ★ Heck Tate testified that Mayella had many bruises on the right side of her face.
- ★ Bob Ewell doesn't know how to act in a courtroom---Atticus asks him to write his name—he's left-handed. He could have beat up Mayella.



TKM—Chapters 18-19



★ We learn Tom has helped her out before.



★ Tom's left arm is 12 inches shorter—he's crippled and couldn't have done what she said.



★ She wanted to kiss Tom—broke the code

★ Bob Ewell beat her up



TKM—Chapters 18-19

- ★ Tom's testimony—he didn't rape Mayella; he tried to resist.
- ★ He ran, so it was presumed he was guilty
- ★ He felt sorry for her.
- ★ Tom Robinson is a scapegoat for the Ewells to fit in.



TKM---Chapters 20-22

- ★ Mr. Raymond just drinks Coke.
- ★ He wants to live the way he does.
- ★ Mayella broke a code—she kissed a black man. She tempted Tom and had to get rid of him so she can live with herself.
- ★ All men created equal---not in the 30s.
- ★ Verdict---Guilty
- ★ Bob Ewell stopped Atticus and spat in his face—he wants to get even.



TKM—Chapters 23-25

- ★ Kids are scared of Bob Ewell and his threats on Atticus. Atticus ruined every ounce of Bob's credibility
- ★ A Cunningham was on the jury—prolonged the verdict???
- ★ Jem says there are 4 kinds of folks: ordinary like the Finches, Cunninghams in the woods, Ewells at the dump, and Negroes.



TKM—Chapters 23-25



★ Boo Radley stays inside because he wants to...



★ Tom Robinson's dead—17 bullet shots

★ Maycomb trusts Atticus to fight the good fight



★ Color determines right/wrong---
truth/lies



TKM—Chapters 26-28

- ★ Children still want to see Boo!
- ★ Scout imagines what she'd say if she met him.
- ★ Scout is troubled by how people criticize Hitler, yet they're doing the same things to the blacks.
- ★ Jem never wants to talk about courtroom again—why?



TKM—Chapters 26-28



★ Bob gets a job and loses it.

★ Something was outside Judge Taylor's house.



★ Helen Robinson gets a job—Bob follows her the whole way.



★ Halloween party—Scout dresses up as a ham for the play



TKM—Chapters 26-28

- ★ Cecil Jacobs scares them on their way to the pageant.
- ★ Someone hits Jem, smashes something against Scout—A man is carrying Jem home to Atticus.
- ★ Heck Tate finds Bob Ewell dead under the tree with a kitchen knife stuck up in his ribs.



TKM—Chapters 29-30

- ★ Scout retells the attack.
- ★ Bob Ewell was trying to kill the kids.
- ★ Boo Radley saved them...
- ★ Atticus won't let Jem live with this on his shoulders---self defense??? Atticus wants his children to live honestly.
- ★ “Let the dead bury the dead”
- ★ Who killed Bob Ewell? (Like killing a mockingbird)