

To Kill a Mockingbird
by Harper Lee
Discussion questions

Chapter 15

1. What is the "nightmare" that now descends upon the children?
2. What was (and is) the Ku Klux Klan? What do you think of Atticus's comment about it?
3. How does Jem react when Atticus tells him to go home, and why?
4. What persuades the lynching-party to give up their attempt on Tom's life?
5. Comment on the way Scout affects events without realizing it at the time.

Chapter 16

6. What "subtle change" does Scout notice in her father?
7. What sort of person is Dolphus Raymond?
8. How does Reverend Sykes help the children see and hear the trial? Is he right to do so?
9. Comment on Judge Taylor's attitude to his job. Does he take the trial seriously or not?

Chapter 17

10. What kind of people are the Ewells? Describe their home life.
11. What point is Atticus making when he emphasizes Mayella's blackened right eye and asks Mr. Ewell to write his name?
12. What is there about Tom Robinson which gives believability to what Atticus suggests?