

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee

Directions: Answer the questions below in complete sentences. As you read, keep a log of all of the characters as they enter the novel, and describe them.

SECTION 1: CHAPTERS 1 – 5

1. What does Scout mean when she says Mr. Radley “bought cotton”?
2. Why does Miss Caroline not want Scout’s father to teacher her to read?
3. Describe Walter Cunningham and his family.
4. How does Dill arrive from Meridian his second summer in Maycomb?
5. My idea of a hero is _____ because...
6. Why are Scout and Jem intrigued by Dill?
7. How is Miss Caroline insensitive to her students’ needs?
8. Dill likes to play the villain in the children’s make believe plays and when he does he...

SECTION 2: CHAPTERS 6 – 11

1. Why do the children want to peek into the Radley’s window?
2. How does Jem walk when he gets into the 6th grade and why?
3. Why does Atticus tell Jem and Jean they have to change their snowman?
4. How and why does Miss Maudie’s house look like a pumpkin?
5. How does Jem get off the fence?
6. How does Jem want Scout to act?
7. What do Jem and Jean do when Maycomb gets its first snowfall?
8. What does Aunt Alexandra want Jean to do?

SECTION 3: CHAPTERS 12 – 17

1. Why do the men take off their hats and women act respectfully when Jem and Scout walk into the black church with Calpurnia?
2. What kind of folks are the Ewells?
3. Why does Jean think she is being put into a “pink penitentiary?”
4. Describe the night Atticus goes to the Maycomb County Jail. What happens?
5. Why does Jem think the black people in the church do not want him and Jean there?
6. How is Aunt Alexandra the kind of person who is preoccupied with heredity?
7. What happens when Jem swipes the broom under Jean’s bed?
8. Dill prefers a world of...

SECTION 4: CHAPTERS 18 – 25

1. Why is Mayella afraid of Atticus?
2. Describe Mr. Gilmer’s attitude toward Tom.
3. Who is Dolphus Raymond?
4. What do the black people of Maycomb County send to Atticus and why?
5. What does Mayella say Tom did when he attacked her?

6. Tom says when he walked by the Ewell house on his way to work...
7. Tom had been given 30 days in jail once for...
8. What does Calpurnia do when she finds the children in the courtroom?

SECTION 5: CHAPTER 26 – 31

1. Why does Helen Robinson fall down when Atticus drives up to her house?
2. How does Atticus react when Scout mentions still wanting to see Boo?
3. What is Jem trying hard to forget and why?
4. Where are the Ewell children when Amr. Link Deas stops by with Helen and why?
5. Mr. Underhill, writing in the newspaper, likens Tom's death to...
6. The burden of giving current events reports falls to the town children because...
7. The scratching Judge Taylor hears at his screen one night is probably...
8. The Halloween after Tom Robinson was killed changed from how it was celebrated before by...

House Arrest

By K.A. Holt

Part 1: Respond to the guided reading questions below as you read *House Arrest*. Your responses should be in complete sentences.

Winter (pp. 2-73)

- 1) What is ironic about the fact that the speaker must keep a “personal journal”?
- 2) Describe the conflict as it is introduced by the speaker.
- 3) James tells Timothy to prove he is not a sociopath. Look up the definition of sociopath. Does Timothy appear to fit the description? Why or why not?
- 4) Why does Mrs. Bainbridge feel Timothy had a breakthrough?
- 5) Why does Timothy say that being on house arrest isn’t so bad?
- 6) How does Timothy make his mom cry differently than she has in the past?
- 7) What odd metaphor does Timothy use to describe Levi when he is upset? Explain.
- 8) What prompts Timothy to say “OK. So. Not as good as a million dollars. / But close.”
- 9) What is the one thing Timothy likes about James?
- 10) Why does Timothy hide from Jose?
- 11) How does Timothy say that ten minutes and forever can sometimes be the same?

Spring (pp. 76-153)

- 12) In what way does Timothy feel he has made a deal with the devil? Explain.
- 13) What internal conflict does Timothy feel as he begins to think of Levi being discharged from the hospital?
- 14) How do some of Timothy’s perspective on his probation officer, James, change?
- 15) Is Timothy’s refusal of Mrs. B’s suggestion to enter into the “carnival of giving” an act of selflessness or of pride? Provide details from the text to support your explanation.
- 16) In Timothy’s journal entry for Week 21, he makes several references to cell phones, both Mrs. B’s and his father’s. What are these phones symbolic of?
- 17) What does Timothy mean by “shouting groceries” and what does he compare it to?
- 18) How does Timothy say he is like Levi’s Sacagawea?
- 19) Describe Timothy’s favorite place. How does is the thought ruined?

Summer (pp. 156-229)

- 20) Why does Timothy have an issue with Mary being “forbidden”?
- 21) What fear does Timothy have following the visit from CPS?
- 22) How does James make Timothy uncomfortable?
- 23) In Timothy’s journal entry from week 31, Timothy says: “It’s always been against the rules, / but sometimes you have to be bendy / to make things work.” What is Timothy referring to? Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.
- 24) How does James become a sort of father figure to Timothy?

- 25) What causes Timothy to start considering the carnival of giving?
- 26) When Timothy asks of his mother, "Is she shrinking? / Or am I growing?" What does he really mean?
- 27) How does Mary mistake Timothy's reaction to Levi's first word? What does it tell you about Mary and Timothy?

Fall (pp. 232-296)

- 28) What are the pros and cons of Annie losing her job?
- 29) What is the "it" that Timothy does not want to talk about?
- 30) What news does Mrs. B rush to bring Timothy? What are the contents of the email?
- 31) How is Timothy now on "Timothy time"?

Part 2: Short Response

- 1) Read the following excerpt: "His face was so funny / watching all those things, / trying to figure out the world / outside of his four walls. / I guess that's what made me take the microphone, / what made me make that speech / (without any notes!) / what made me say those things / about my own four walls / my walls made of James and Mrs. B and Mom / and now Jose's house, sometimes, too / ... I guess that's why I said those things, / watching his walls open up like that, / and how it all made me think of my own walls / and how they made me open up / instead of the other way around. (272)"

How are the people in Timothy's life like walls? What do these walls do for him? Who are your walls and why?

Part 3: Essay

In *House Arrest* by K.A. Holt, Timothy makes several important choices that lead him ultimately to juvie, but which also lead to Levi getting the care he needs. In *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, Atticus makes the decision to defend Tom Robinson even though he knows he will ultimately lose.

In an essay of at least 3 well-developed paragraphs, discuss the significance of the choices that Timothy and Atticus in both *House Arrest* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* must make.