These questions help you stay on track with the plot as well as build your reading comprehension.

**Directions:** Answer these questions on a separate piece of paper as you read. Label the sections by chapter.

**Chapter 1**
1. Where does the narrator live?
2. How old are Scout and Jem when the story starts?
3. Who is their new friend?
4. What is the name of the odd family in Maycomb?
5. Why does Jem touch the Radley house?

**Chapter 2**
1. How does Scout feel about starting school?
2. What things does Scout get in trouble for at school?
3. Why won’t Walter Cunningham, Jr. take Miss Caroline’s quarter?
4. How does Walter Cunningham, Sr. pay Atticus for his legal work?

**Chapter 3**
1. What do Walter Cunningham and Atticus discuss at lunch?
2. How does Calpurnia tell Scout to behave during lunch?
3. What about Burris Ewell frightens Miss Caroline?
4. What does Scout ask Atticus to do about her schooling?
5. What compromise do Scout and Atticus reach about school?

**Chapter 4**
1. Why does Jem push Scout extra hard in the tire?
2. Where does Scout land?
3. What new drama does Jem suggest they play?
4. What are two reasons the new playacting makes Scout nervous?

**Chapter 5**
1. What kind of relationship do the children have with Miss Maudie?
2. What does Miss Maudie say about the Boo Radley stories Scout repeats?
3. How do Jem and Dill plan to give Boo Radley a note?
4. What does the note say?
5. What is Atticus’ reaction to the scheme?

**Chapter 6**
1. What do Jem, Scout, and Dill do on Dill’s last night in Maycomb?
2. What does the man on the porch do?
3. What happens to Jem as they’re fleeing?
4. How does Dill explain the missing pants?
5. What does Jem do in the middle of the night?

**Chapter 7**
1. What does Jem tell Scout about his pants?
2. What is Scout’s initial reaction to finding the soap carvings?
3. What is Jem’s reaction?
4. Why are they unable to fulfill their plan?
5. How does Jem react to Nathan Radley’s actions?

**Chapter 8**
1. What is Atticus’ reaction to the snowman’s likeness to Mr. Avery?
2. What happens to Miss Maudie’s house?
3. Where are Scout and Jem standing during the episode?
4. What new item does Scout have in the morning?
5. Where does it come from?

Chapter 9
1. Why does Scout fight Cecil Jacobs?
2. Who is Atticus defending?
3. Why does Atticus feel he must take the case?
4. Why is Atticus more concerned with Scout’s temper than her language?
5. What does Scout realize years later about the conversation between Atticus and Jack?

Chapter 10
1. In what ways is Atticus different from the fathers of Scout’s and Jem’s friends?
2. What does Atticus tell Jem about shooting mockingbirds?
3. What does Miss Maudie say about mockingbirds?
4. Who shoots Tim Johnson?
5. How does Jem react to that?

Chapter 11
1. What does Mrs. Dubose say that particularly upsets Jem?
2. What does Jem buy Scout?
3. What does Jem do when he passes by Mrs. Dubose’s house and she isn’t on the porch?
4. What is Jem’s punishment?
5. What pattern emerges in the afternoon reading sessions?

Chapter 12
1. What happens to Jem at age 12?
2. Why does Calpurnia take Scout and Jem to church with her?
3. What does First Purchase African M.E. look like?
4. How do the other members of First Purchase behave?
5. How did Calpurnia learn to read?

Chapter 13
1. How does Aunt Alexandra spend her days in Maycomb?
2. Why does Aunt Alexandra usually regret asking Scout to come in and say hello to a visitor?
3. What is Atticus supposed to discuss with Scout and Jem?
4. How does Scout react when Atticus tells her to stop making noise with the comb?
5. What does Atticus tell the children at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 14
1. How does Atticus react to hearing about Scout and Jem’s visit to Calpurnia’s church?
2. Why does Scout start fighting Jem?
3. What does Scout find under her bed?
4. How does Jem break the code of childhood?
5. Why did Dill run away?

Chapter 15
1. What does Atticus take with him when he leaves on Sunday evening?
2. Where do they find Atticus?
3. How does Jem react when Atticus tells the children to go home?
4. What is Scout trying to accomplish as she speaks to Mr. Cunningham?
5. What does the crowd do?
Chapter 16
1. How does everyone in the Finch household feel the next morning?
2. What does Atticus tell the children about coming downtown?
3. How does Mr. Dolphus Raymond differ from other white folk?
4. What new information does Scout learn about the Tom Robinson case?
5. Where do the children end up sitting?

Chapter 17
1. On which side was Mayella bruised?
2. How does Mr. Ewell behave on the witness stand?
3. How does the judge react to Mr. Ewell’s behavior?
4. What is Mr. Ewell’s testimony?
5. What does the reader learn when Mr. Ewell signs his name?

Chapter 18
1. What is Mayella afraid of when she first gets on the witness stand?
2. What areas does Atticus cover in the beginning of his questioning?
3. What is Mayella’s version of the events?
4. What is wrong with Tom’s arm?
5. Who does Atticus suggest beat Mayella?

Chapter 19
1. Who is Atticus’ only witness?
2. What is Tom’s version of the events?
3. What does Link Deas say when he interrupts the testimony?
4. What points does Mr. Gilmer make during his cross-examination of Tom?
5. Why does Dill begin crying?

Chapter 20
1. What do Scout and Dill learn about Mr. Dolphus Raymond?
2. What is happening when Scout and Dill return to the courthouse?
3. What are the main points in Atticus’ closing argument?
4. Who arrives at the courthouse as Atticus is finishing his speech?

Chapter 21
1. Why does Atticus change his mind about letting the children stay?
2. Who is in the courtroom when the children return after supper?
3. Scout’s feelings are reminiscent of what day?
4. What is the jury’s verdict?
5. What does everyone in the balcony do when Atticus exits the courtroom?

Chapter 22
1. How does Jem react to the verdict?
2. Why does Atticus think it was acceptable for the children to be at the trial?
3. How does Atticus respond to the gifts of food from the black community?
4. What things does Miss Maudie point out that Jem and Scout hadn’t realized?
5. What does Mr. Ewell do to Atticus?

Chapter 23
1. What is Atticus’ response to Mr. Ewell’s actions?
2. How do Jem and Scout feel about it?
3. What does Jem believe is the answer to the unjust trial verdict?
4. What does Atticus believe is the answer?
5. What is Aunt Alexandra’s response to Scout’s desire to invite Walter home?
Chapter 24
1. How does Scout behave during the refreshment period?
2. How does Miss Maudie help Scout during the questioning by Miss Stephanie?
3. How does Miss Maudie support Atticus?
4. What happens to Tom?
5. How do the ladies behave after Atticus and Calpurnia leave?

Chapter 25
1. What do Jem and Dill do on their way back from swimming?
2. How does Helen react to the news?
3. How long is Maycomb interested in the news of Tom’s death?
4. How does Mr. Underwood react to it?

Chapter 26
1. What does Scout think about Boo Radley at this point?
2. How do Scout’s and Jem’s peers act after the trial?
3. What is bothering Scout about Miss Gates’ response to Hitler and the Jews?
4. How does Jem react to Scout’s conversation with him?
5. What is Atticus’ explanation for Jem’s behavior?

Chapter 27
1. How does Link Deas help Helen Robinson?
2. What did the Maycomb children do to the Misses Tutti and Frutti last Halloween?
3. What is being done this year to prevent Halloween pranks?
4. What is Scout’s role in the pageant?
5. Who is escorting her to the school?

Chapter 28
1. What is the night like as Jem and Scout walk to the school?
2. What happens to Jem and Scout under the oak tree?
3. How does Jem get home?
4. What is Jem’s injury?
5. What does Heck Tate find under the tree?

Chapter 29
1. What does Aunt Alexandra say in response to these events?
2. Why doesn’t Atticus hear Scout and Jem hollering?
3. What happened to Scout’s costume?
4. What strange sounds does the fourth person under the tree make?
5. Who saves Scout and Jem?

Chapter 30
1. Why do Scout and Boo go out to the porch?
2. Who does Atticus think killed Mr. Ewell?
3. Who does Heck Tate say killed Mr. Ewell?
4. Why does Atticus want Jem’s name cleared legally?
5. How does Heck Tate get Atticus to understand that Jem didn’t do it?
6. Why doesn’t Heck Tate want to tell everyone the exact truth?
7. What does Scout say about this explanation of events?

Chapter 31
1. Why does Scout bring Mr. Arthur back inside?
2. How does Mr. Arthur behave toward Jem?
3. How does Mr. Arthur get home?
4. What does Scout do as she’s standing on Mr. Arthur’s porch?
5. Where does Atticus spend the night?