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SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

To Kill A Mockingbird



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Chapters 18-21

DEFINE the following terms (just part of speech & definition is fine):

perpetuate (verb) indict (verb) iota (noun)
deliberate (verb) corroborate (verb) unmitigated (adjective)

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1. What does Atticus call Mayella that makes her think he is mocking her? What does this show us about how she expects to be treated?
2. Mayella has seven younger siblings, but no friends. When Atticus asks who her friends are she again thinks he's mocking her. What does this show us about her life?
3. What was Tom's handicap? Why was it important to his case?
4. Who does Atticus suggest beat up Mayella?

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5. Tom admits to being on the Ewell property many times. Why was he there so frequently?
6. What insight does Scout have into Mayella's life?
7. What is Tom's side of the story?

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8. What do you think this line (said by Tom) means?: *"She says she never kissed a grown man before an' she might as well kiss a nigger. She says what her papa do to her don't count."*
9. When Mr. Gilmore (the prosecuting attorney) is questioning Tom about why he helped Mayella so often, Tom says something that offends the crowd. What did he say, and why do you think the crowd was offended by this?
10. What do Dill and Scout learn from Mr. Raymond?
11. Why did Dill start crying, and have to leave the room? What does this show us about Dill's character?

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12. What does Mr. Dolphus Raymond during from a bottle in a paper bag?
13. Why does he pretend to be a drunk?
14. In Atticus' closing argument he says, *"All men are not created equal in the sense some people would have us believe... But there is one way in this country in which all men are created equal"* (20). What 'way' is he referring to, and do you think he's right? Why or why not?

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15. Why does Scout have the impression that Atticus defending Tom is similar to him shooting the mad dog, *"It was like watching Atticus walking into the street, raise a rifle to his shoulder and pull the trigger, but watching all the time knowing that the gun was empty"* (21).
16. What was the jury's verdict?