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SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

To Kill A Mockingbird

Answer the following questions, being sure to include PAGE REFERENCES to indicate what evidence from the text backs up your response.

CHAPTER 12 BOOKMARK IS EXTRA CREDIT :)

Chapters 12-14

1. How does Jem change? What specific actions of his demonstrate his maturing? (Give the page number).
2. Identify Lula, Zeebo and Reverend Sykes.
3. What does Scout learn about Calpurnia?
4. Who was waiting for the children when they came home from the church service? Why had she come?
5. "Aunt Alexandra fitted into the world of Maycomb like a hand in a glove, but never into the world of Jem and me." Explain.
6. Atticus and Alexandra disagree about how to deal with the children. How does Atticus handle the situation?
7. Describe Jem and Scout's relationship through these chapters as Jem matures.
8. Why did Dill run away from home back to Maycomb?

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Explain what these quotes signify:

Chapter 12: “[Calpurnia] seemed glad to see me when I appeared in the kitchen, and **by watching her I began to think there was some skill involved in being a girl**” (12.8).

Chapter 12: Calpurnia says to Scout; “It's not necessary to tell all you know. It's not ladylike—in the second place, **folks don't like to have somebody around knowin' more than they do. It aggravates 'em. You're not gonna change any of them by talkin' right, they've got to want to learn themselves**, and when they don't want to learn there's nothing you can do but keep your mouth shut or talk their language” (12.138-144).

Chapter 13: Do you agree with Scout’s statement: “I said I would like it very much, which was a lie, but **one must lie under certain circumstances and at all times when one can't do anything about them**” (13.20).

This “adulthood lesson” that sometimes white lies are necessary to keep people happy requires an individual to exercise his/her moral compass. Is the idea that white lies are okay unethical? Explain your reasoning:

Chapter 14: Atticus's voice was even: "Alexandra, Calpurnia's not leaving this house until she wants to. You may think otherwise, but I couldn't have got along without her all these years. She's a faithful member of this family and you'll simply have to accept things the way they are." (14.28)

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