

## Chapters One and Two

### Comprehension Check

*Directions: To give you a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of the novel, answer the following questions using complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to use your Note-Taking chart to keep important notes for each chapter and to help you answer the Comprehension Check questions.*

#### Chapter 1

1. What happened to Jem when he was nearly thirteen?
2. How did Simon Finch make his money?
3. Where does this story take place (give details)?
4. Why do you think the children call their father Atticus rather than "Dad"?
5. What does Atticus Finch do for a living?
6. Who were his first two clients? What happened to them? Why? How did this case change Atticus as a lawyer?
7. What does the author mean by: "There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County." Why did the people of Maycomb have "no money"?
8. What happened to the narrator's mother? How did her death affect the narrator? How did it affect Jem?
9. Describe Dill. Why has he come to Maycomb? What does Dill claim to have done with the "beautiful child" money?
10. Explain how the children spend their summer. What do they do for fun?
11. Give 2-3 examples of rumors about the Radley house and its inhabitants.
12. What did Arthur Radley and the other boys do that got them in trouble? Why was Arthur locked in the Radley house?
13. What did Atticus mean when he told the children "there were other ways of making people into ghosts"?
14. Describe Miss Stephanie Crawford.
15. Describe Boo Radley, according to Jem's description.
16. Dill and Jem make a bet at the end of this chapter. What is their deal? What does Jem do to win the bet?

#### Chapter 2

1. Describe Miss Caroline. Where is she from? Why does this make her first day as a teacher even more difficult?
2. Explain Jem and Scout's interpretation of the "*Dewey Decimal* teaching system" that Miss Caroline uses.
3. Scout gets in trouble twice on the first day of school. What does she do to get in trouble?
4. Why won't Walter Cunningham take Miss Caroline's money?
5. What do the Cunninghams do when they cannot pay for a service?
6. How do the people of Maycomb "seal" contracts and deals?
7. What happens to Scout when she tells Miss Caroline about the Cunningham family?