

Chapters Twelve and Thirteen

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 12

1. Why is Jem so “inconsistent and moody”?
2. Why wasn't Dill able to come to Maycomb this summer?
3. Describe Calpurnia's church. How did the church get its name?
4. How do the people at Cal's church treat the children?
5. Why doesn't the church have hymn books?
6. Why is the church collecting ten dollars?
7. Of what is Tom Robinson accused? Why won't anyone hire his wife?
8. Who is Zeebo? What does he do at the church?
9. How does Scout feel Calpurnia is different at her own church?

Chapter 13

1. Why has Aunt Alexandra come to Maycomb?
2. Describe Aunt Alexandra. Besides the fact that she once lived in Maycomb and she knows everyone, why does she fit in so well in Maycomb?
3. Give a brief description of how Maycomb was established. Why are so many people related to each other in some way?
4. Describe the premise of the “talk” Aunt Alexandra makes Atticus have with the children. According to Scout, why does the talk fail?
5. What does this conversation between Atticus and the children reveal about their relationship as a family?