

Chapters Eighteen and Nineteen

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 18

1. Why does Mayella think Atticus is mocking her?
2. What more do we learn about the Ewell family from Atticus's cross examination?
3. Describe the "incident," according to Mayella's testimony.
4. What is wrong with Tom Robinson's left arm? How did it get this way?
5. Who does Atticus suggest actually beat up Mayella?

Chapter 19

1. Why does Atticus bring up the fact that Tom Robinson had been in trouble before?
2. Who does Tom work for? What does he do for him?
3. How does Tom's story immediately contradict Mayella's testimony?
4. How did Mayella get Tom to come inside the house?
5. How did Mayella get rid of the children that particular day?
6. What did Mayella do to Tom, according to his testimony?
7. Why did Tom run away from the Ewell place? What was his predicament?
8. Who came to Tom's defense in the courtroom? What did he say?
9. Why do you think Tom was so scared of being accused of hurting Mayella?
10. Why does Dill get so upset at Mr. Gilmer that it makes him sick?