

Chapters Twenty-Two and Twenty-Three *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 22

1. What is Jem's reaction to the verdict?
2. What does Atticus mean when he says, "They've done it before and they did it tonight and they'll do it again and when they do it—seems that only children weep"?
3. How does the black community show its appreciation for what Atticus did?
4. Why does Miss Maudie believe that appointing Atticus was no accident?
5. What did Bob Ewell do and say to Atticus?

Chapter 23

1. How does Miss Stephanie embellish what happened to Atticus?
2. Why does Atticus defend Bob's actions to Jem? What is Atticus's hope?
3. What does Aunt Alexandra mean when she says that Ewell could do "something furtive" to Atticus?
4. Why was Tom given a death sentence?
5. What are Jem's suggestions for change in the court system and laws?
6. Why did Atticus put a Cunningham on the jury?
7. Why does Aunt Alexandra object to Scout inviting Walter Cunningham to the house?
8. How does Jem try to make Scout feel better after her conversation with Aunt Alexandra?
9. According to Jem, who are the "four kinds of folks" in Maycomb? Explain how this theory works. Why are the Finches at the top of this "chain"?
10. What is the reason Boo Radley doesn't come out of his house, according to Jem? What does he mean by this?