

Chapters Twenty-Four and Twenty-Five

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 24

1. Briefly describe the women of Maycomb.
2. How does the author reveal the fact that these women are hypocrites?
3. To whom might Miss Merriweather be referring when she says that there are some “good but misguided people in this town”?
4. What does Miss Maudie mean when she says, “His food doesn't stick going down, does it?”
5. Why does Scout like men better than women?
6. What news does Atticus bring to Alexandra and Calpurnia? Explain what happened.
7. What does Miss Maudie mean when she says that the town is “paying the highest tribute” to Atticus?
8. Why do Aunt Alexandra and Scout pretend that nothing is wrong when they return to the ladies?

Chapter 25

1. Why won't Jem let Scout kill the roly-poly?
2. How did Tom's wife react to the news of Tom's death, according to Dill?
3. What is Maycomb's reaction to Tom's death?
4. What is Mr. Underwood's editorial about? Why does he claim it was a “senseless killing”?