

Chapters Twenty-Nine through Thirty-One

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 29

1. Why aren't Atticus or Alexandra able to hear the children outside?
2. What does Scout hear after Jem tries dragging Scout to safety?
3. Describe Boo Radley.
4. How do you think Scout recognizes Boo Radley, even though she has never really seen him before?

Chapter 30

1. Why does Atticus invite everyone to the front porch rather than the living room?
2. Who does Atticus think killed Bob Ewell?
3. How does Heck Tate say that Ewell was killed?
4. Why does Atticus argue with Tate about how Ewell was killed?
5. From where does Tate say he got the switchblade? Why do you think he has the switchblade?
6. What does Atticus finally realize?
7. To whom is Tate referring when he says, "...taking the man that has done you and this town a great service an' draggin' him with his shy ways into the limelight—to me, that's a sin"?
8. What do you think Scout means when she says that it would be like "shooting a mockingbird"?

Chapter 31

1. Why does Boo want Scout to take him home? Considering his age, what is unusual about his request?
2. What is significant about Scout looking at the world from the Radley porch?
3. Why do you think the author ended the book with the line, "Most people are [nice], Scout, when you finally see them." To whom or what is Atticus referring? What does he mean when he says, "...when you finally see them"?