

Chapters Three and Four

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 3

1. How does Walter claim he almost died his first year of school?
2. Why has Walter been unable to pass the first grade?
3. What does Walter do at dinner that surprises Scout?
4. What does Calpurnia tell Scout as a result of her outburst?
5. What do the kids first think causes Miss Caroline to scream? What is the real reason she screams?
6. Why do you think the Ewell children only come to school on the first day? What do you think is the reason many Maycomb children need to stay at home for the rest of the year?
7. What is your reaction to the way Burris treats Miss Caroline?
8. What is Atticus's solution when Scout tells him that she doesn't want to go back to school?
9. What do we learn about the Ewell family from Scout and Atticus's conversation?

Chapter 4

1. What treasures do Scout and Jem find in the knothole of the tree?
2. How does Scout end up in the yard in front of the Radley house?
3. What new game do the kids create? How is it played?
4. What do we learn about the children's belief in superstitions in this chapter? Explain their behavior.
5. Scout says that Atticus's return was the second reason she wanted to quit playing. What was the first reason?