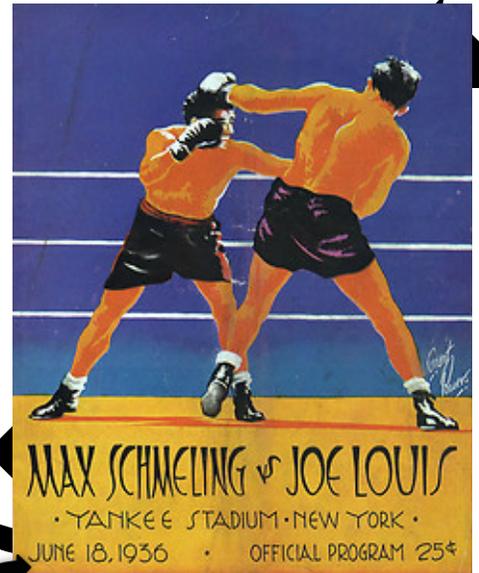


The Louis-Schmeling Fight

Professional boxing was among the few integrated sports in the United States, and prizefighter Joe Louis was a hero to American Blacks. On June 19 1936, after rain postponed the fight a day, the undefeated Louis was knocked out by Germany's Max Schmeling.

German Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels proclaimed Schmeling's victory a triumph for Germany and Hitlerism. The Nazi weekly journal Das Schwarze Korps (The Black Corps) commented: "Schmeling's victory was not only a sport. It was a question of prestige for our race." In a 1938 rematch, Louis defeated Schmeling in one round.



Program of the Max Schmeling vs. Joe Louis fight. June 18, 1936
Moorland-Spingarn Research Center,
Howard University, Washington, D.C.

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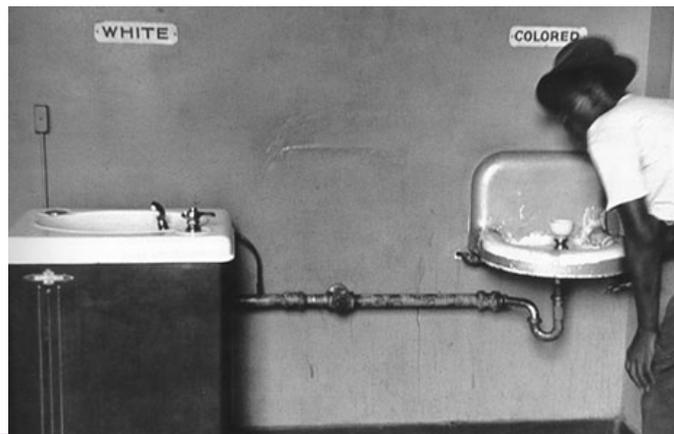
Schmeling, who was never a Nazi, was warmly received by Hitler, UPI/Corbis—Bettmann.



This tribute to Louis after his defeat appeared in The Pittsburgh Courier, June 27, 1936.

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"Jim Crow" laws barred African Americans from access to employment and to public places such as restaurants, hotels, and other facilities. In the South especially, Blacks lived in fear of racially motivated violence.



To Kill a Mockingbird – Part I

Chapter 1 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Who was Simon Finch?
2. Setting: Describe the town of Maycomb.
3. In what state does the novel take place?
4. From whose point of view is the novel being told?
5. Approximately, how old are Jem, Scout and Dill?
6. What do you learn about Dill's character?
7. Describe how Boo got in trouble with the law.
8. How many years was he locked in the house?
9. In your opinion would Boo have been better off with a court sentence?
Explain your answer.
10. What are some of the local legends surrounding Boo?
11. According to gossip, why didn't the sheriff throw Arthur in jail, years ago?
12. Why do you think a character like Charles Baker Harris is important to the novel?
13. Who is Calpurina? What is she like?
14. What game does Dill invent?
15. According to Jem's description, what does Boo look like?
16. How old was Scout when her mother died?
17. What 'act of courage' on Jem's part ends the chapter?

Chapter 2 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why is Scout so looking forward to starting school?
2. What difficulties does she have on the 1st day?
3. Why does Jem not want anything to do with Scout at School?
4. What do you think of Miss Caroline's practices?
5. How does she feel at the end of her 1st day? How do you know?
6. Some critics feel Harper Lee is making a social comment about education.
How does the author mock the school system?
7. Walter Cunningham is introduced into this chapter. What type of family is the Cunningham?

Chapter 3 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why does Scout beat up Walter?
2. What does his behavior during lunch suggest about his home life?
3. What were the two lessons which Atticus taught Scout?
4. What is 'empathy'?
5. Calpurina has proper notions of behavior. How is this illustrated?
6. Which other poor family is introduced in this chapter?
7. For each of the following significant passages from the book, in a few well-written sentences please explain;
 - A) Context = what is happening when the quotation is said.
 - B) What the quotation reveals about the character of the person who said it.

7.1 "there's some folks who don't eat like us", she whispered fiercely, but you ain't called on to contradict'em at the table when they don't. That boy's yo' company and if he wants to eat up the tablecloth, you let him, you hear?

A) _____

B) _____

7.2 "First of all" he said, if you learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

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A)

B)

7.3 He said that the Ewells were members of an exclusive society made up of Ewells.

A)

B)

7.4 "Do you know what a compromise is?" he asked. "It's an agreement reached by mutual concessions."

A)

B)

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Chapter 4 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What was the 1st gift that appears in the Radley tree?
What other gifts did the children find?
What were their reactions?
2. What new information does Dill provide about his father?
3. How has the “Boo Radley” game changed?
4. What were the two reasons why Scout wanted to quit the game?
5. Who do you think left the items in the tree and why?
6. What did Scout reveal about the time she once rolled into the Radley yard in a tire?

Chapter 5 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Characterize Miss Maudie. (Give examples from the book)
2. How did the children try to lure Boo from the Radley house?
3. What story did Miss Stephanie tell about Boo?
What did Miss Maudie say to her to make her stop this gossip?
4. What is the oldest lawyer’s trick in the book?
How does Atticus get Jem with it?

Chapter 6 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. On the last day of the summer Dill and Jem decided to do something. What?
2. Whose shadow appeared to Jem?
3. Who fires a shot at the children? Why did he say he did it?
4. What goes wrong, while they are escaping?
5. What lie is told to cover up Jem’s loss of pants?
6. How does Scout’s affection shift in this chapter?
Whom does she grow closer and apart from?
How are these changes a sign of change in her morals and maturity?

Writing Assignment – Standing in a Different Pair of Shoes

Pick a scene from the book and retell it from a different point of view.

Before you begin you might want to make a list of your narrator's traits and the situation. Then as you write, try to communicate information about you character.

Your piece must be at least one page length and should retell a scene from any chapters we've read so far in a different point of view. Your narration must be accurate – that's to say, it must show you understand the story, and characters thus far.

Chapter 7 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What did Jem reveal to Scout about his pants?
2. Name 5 items, which were left in the tree.
3. What event puts an end to the knothole gifts?
4. Why did Jem sit outside and cry at the end of the chapter?

Explain your answer.

Chapter 8 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What do the children use to make the snowman, besides snow?
What does it resemble?
2. Whose house catches on fire? Why is Atticus so concerned?
3. What event happens to Scout while she is watching the fire?
What does Jem come to realize?

Chapter 9 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Who is Tom Robinson?
2. What new habit has Scout get into a fight at school, and later at Christmas time?
3. Instead of telling Scout that he had no choice in taking the Robinson case, he approached the subject in a different way. How and why?

Writing Assignment

Write a short essay on how at this moment in the book, Scout is handling the recent conflicts in her life (150 words). Give examples or quotes when you can.

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Chapter 10 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What does Scout see as Atticus's chief fault?
2. Why does Atticus tell his children never to shoot at mockingbirds?
3. What crisis (incident) shows the children a surprising skill their father possesses?
4. What was Atticus's nickname?
5. Why didn't Atticus tell Jem and Scout about his talent with a gun?

Chapter 11 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What type of person is Mrs Dubose?
What makes the children hate and fear her?
2. What does she say to Jem that upsets him?
What does he do to retaliate?
3. What discipline is handed out to Jem?
4. What was Mrs Dubose's reason for wanting Jem to read to her?
5. What was wrong with Mrs Dubose?
6. What is Atticus's definition of courage?

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Chapter 12 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why doesn't Dill plan to come to Maycomb this summer?
2. What is the name of Calpurina's Church?
Describe how they sing the hymns.
3. What is the purpose of the Sunday's collection at the church?
4. Why are Jem and Scout so welcomed at the church?
5. What do the children notice about Calpurina's behavior in her church community?

Chapter 13 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why has Atticus asked Alexandra to come to his house?
2. What kind of person is Alexandra? What kinds of things is she interested in?

Chapter 14 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What does aunt Alexandra want Atticus to do when she finds out that Jem and Scout have attended Cal's Church?
2. Where is Dill found when he runs away from home?
3. Why does he say he ran away?

Chapter 15 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why have the neighbors gathered in the Finches' front yard?
2. Who is Mr. Underwood?
3. Where do the children find Atticus at 10 o'clock on Sunday?
4. What is the mob's intention?
5. How does Scout manage to end the danger? What effect does she have on the mob?
6. What has Mr. Underwood been doing during the mob scene?
7. What does the whole episode foreshadow about the nightmare ahead?

Chapter 16 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. In the eyes of the community, what is Dolphus Raymond's problem?
2. Why do so many people dislike him?
3. Why doesn't Miss Maudie go to court?
4. Where do the children sit for the trial?
What does this tell you?
5. Describe Judge Taylor. (Characterization)

Chapter 17 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Who was the first witness for prosecution? Give a short summary of his testimony.
2. What two points does Atticus try to make in court with Heck Tate?
3. Who is the second witness? What is his testimony?
4. How does Atticus try to prove that it was Mr. Ewell who had beaten up his daughter?
5. List 4 items that are in Ewell's yard.
6. Where do the Ewells live?
7. Give a short character description of Bob Ewell. (Characterization)

Chapter 18 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why does Mayella break into tears at the beginning of her testimony?
2. What does Mayella accuse Tom of? Give her version of the story.
3. What is Mayella's attitude in the courtroom?
4. Why does Mayella think Atticus is mocking her? What does this tell you about her?
5. What dramatic fact do we learn about Tom Robinson at the end of Mayella's testimony?
6. Atticus is trying to get Mayella to make a confession. What does he want her to admit?

Chapter 19 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. According to Tom, when did he bust up the chiffarobe?
2. On the day of Tom's "crime", where were the seven Ewell children?
3. When Mr. Ewell arrived on the scene, what did he see through the window that infuriated him?
4. Who is Link Deas? What comments does he add to the proceedings?

5. What two points does Mr. Gilmer try to make in cross-examining Tom?
6. As Tom gives his testimony, Scout compares Mayella to several other people she has recently learned to understand. To whom does she compare Mayella? Why?
7. Nobody liked Tom's answer to the question of why he had help Mayella for no pay.
 - a) Why do you think Mr. Gilmer was so angry at Tom for feeling sorry for Mayella?
 - b) Why would this attitude itself almost constitute a crime in Maycomb?
 - c) What might be the long term results if this type of attitude became common in Maycomb?

Chapter 20 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Why does Dolphus Raymond pretend to be drunk?
2. What does Atticus say is the worst thing you can do?
3. What crime does Atticus say Mayella feels guilty for?
4. What "facts about negroes" does Mr. Ewell rely on to make the jury bring a guilty verdict?
5. Why do you think this chapter is included in this novel?
6. Connect Atticus' statement about "cheating a coloured man" with the title of the book.
7. Mayella has committed crimes against Tom and against the state (false accusation, lying under oath, even murder of an innocent man), because she was ashamed of breaking a "code" and tempting a negroe.
 - a) What is the difference between a "code" and a "law"?
8. What does Atticus find wrong with the idea that "all men are created equal"?

Chapter 21 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Before the verdict, Reverend Sykes tells Jem Not to be confident his father would win. Why?
2. Why has Calpurina come to court?
3. How long was the jury out? What does this tell you?
4. How does Scout know Tom has not been acquitted even before the jury reports?
5. What happens as Atticus leaves the room?

Chapter 22 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What do the Blacks do for Atticus the day after the verdict has been reached?
2. What was Miss Rachel's reaction to the previous night?

3. What does Dill want to become when he grows up?
4. What was Bob Ewell's response to the verdict?
5. What has happened to Atticus that prompts Miss Rachel to tell Dill to stay home and say "there's danger coming"?

Chapter 23 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. At the beginning of chapter 23, the children worry. What are they worried about?
2. How does Atticus define trash?
3. How does Alexandra define trash?
4. List the categories in Jem's social hierarchy?
5. What kinds of folks are in Scout's social hierarchy?
6. What does Atticus expect Jem to learn if he sands in Bob Ewell's shoes a minute?
7. If he has won, why is Bob Ewell so angry?
8. Jem says we have to do away with injuries. Why? What's his solution?
9. According to Atticus, why can't women be on the jury?

Chapter 24 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Who are the Mrunas?
2. Who is Grimes Everett?
3. What news does Atticus bring?

Chapter 25 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What were Dill and Jem doing that allowed them to go to Tom's house with Atticus?
2. How long was Maycomb interested in Tom's story?
3. To what does Mr. Underwood compare Tom's death?
4. What comment does Mr. Ewell make which Miss Stephanie reports?

Chapter 26 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What is Scout's fantasy about Boo?
2. How does Miss Gates react to the Grit Paper?
3. What does Cecil Jacobs bring up that prompts Miss Gates to discuss "democracy"?

4. What had Miss Gates said leaving the courthouse that confused Scout?

Chapter 27 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. What two things have happened to Bob Ewell since the trial?
2. What happened to Judge Taylor?
3. What happened to Helen Robinson?
4. What two things has Link Deas done that shows he is a man who isn't influenced by racism?
5. Atticus couldn't look at the Judge Taylor while Bob Ewell was on the stand because...
6. Why is Bob Ewell holding a grudge against so many people who were involved in the trial?

Chapter 28 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Explain what happens to the children as they walk home from the Halloween party?
2. Who saves the children?
3. If you were Atticus, how would you be feeling about what happened to the kids? Do you think Atticus feels any guilt?
4. What happened to Bob Ewell?

Chapter 29 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. "I had the feeling about this tonight-I think it's my fault..."
 - a) Who was speaking? _____
 - b) Who is being spoken to? _____
 - c) Meaning: _____
2. Describe the night's events in order as Scout's remembers them. You may answer in point form on the following lines.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) The children thought the noises were from Cecil Jacobs so Scout yells at him.
 - d) _____
 - e) _____
 - f) Jem finds Scout and starts pulling her towards the road.
 - g) _____
 - h) _____

i) Somebody yanked Mr. Ewell down.

j) _____

3. "... sickly white hands which had never seen the sun..." tells us that the person who saved the children from Bob Ewell was: _____

Chapter 30 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. Boo would feel more comfortable in the dark" tells us that Scout understand how uncomfortable Boo would feel now that he is _____

2. Whom does Atticus assume killed Bob Ewell?

3. How does Heck Tate explain Bob Ewell's death?

4. What are the two of Atticus' concerns about his own parenting?

5. Why does Heck Tate get so frustrated with Atticus? What doesn't Atticus understand?

6. "Let the dead bury the dead."

a) Who was speaking? _____

b) Who is being spoken to? _____

c) Meaning: _____

7. Mr. Tate is not worried that Boo will be _____ by the law for killing but rather, he is worried that:

8. Even though Atticus hates lying, he decides to go along with Mr. Tate's story. Why does he do this?

9. "well, it'd be sort of like shootin' a mockingbird, wouldn't it?"

a) Who was speaking? _____

b) Who is being spoken to? _____

c) Meaning: _____

Chapter 31 (write the page references where you find your answers)

1. How does Boo' body language reflect his personality?

2. Scout sees the word from _____ perspective when she returns home after she escorts _____. How does the neighborhood look from this perspective?

3. "Most people are, Scout, when you finally see them."

4. a) Who was speaking? _____
b) Who is being spoken to? _____
c) Meaning: _____

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