



# Chapters 22-26





## Chapter 22

1. Scout says, “I wondered if he thought Atticus somehow responsible for Tom Robinson’s conviction.” Do you think that’s why Jem is upset? Do you think Atticus did everything he could to win? Explain your reasons with evidence.
2. What does Atticus mean when he says, it “seems that only children weep”?
3. On the morning after the trial, the kitchen table in the Finch household is loaded with enough food to bury the family.” Who brought the food, and why? What is Atticus’s response?
4. Jem uses the metaphor of a caterpillar in a cocoon to describe his feelings. According to him, in what way is he like a caterpillar in a cocoon?  
  
What feeling is he struggling with, and how does it relate to the trial and the town of Maycomb?  
  
What does the caterpillar symbolize?
5. Who does Miss Maudie say helped out Tom Robinson?
6. What reason(s) does Miss Maudie give for Judge Taylor choosing Atticus?
7. What does Miss Maudie mean when she says, “...we’re making a step—it’s just a baby-step, but it’s a step”? What evidence does she use to explain her optimism?

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8. As the children watch the neighbor's gossip, Dill makes a declaration about what he will be when he grows up. What does Dill say, and what are his reasons?
9. What does Jem say to Dill's declaration? How does Dill respond?
10. According to Stephanie Crawford, what did Mr. Ewell do to Atticus earlier in the morning?

## Chapter 23

11. How does Atticus respond to Bob Ewell's threat against him? What does this show us about Atticus?
12. Why didn't Atticus carry a gun the night at the jail with the mob?
13. What does Atticus say about standing in Bob Ewell's shoes?
14. Why would Atticus gladly take Bob Ewell spitting in his face?
15. Alexandra disagrees with Atticus about the threat. What are her reasons? In your opinion, should Atticus be taking the threat more seriously?
16. According to Atticus, what is optimistic about Tom's case?
17. What's the difference between reasonable doubt and shadow of a doubt?

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18. What does Atticus mean when he says, "So far nothing in your life has interfered with your reasoning process?"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
19. Can you think of something that you thought one way about but as time went on that changed? Explain what changed your mind, and how can you account for this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
20. What does Atticus say about white men cheating black men?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
21. Why was Tom Robinson ignorant when it came to the Ewells?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
22. What does Atticus mean when he says, "...it's all adding up, and one of these days we're going to pay for it?" What is he referring?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
23. Atticus says that the fact that the jury took so long to reach a verdict may indicate, "The shadow of a beginning." What does he tell Jem and Scout about one of the jurors?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
24. What does Atticus say about the Cunningham's and their ways?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
25. When Scout learns about the Cunningham's juror, what does she declare she will do as soon as school starts? What is Aunt Alexandra's response?

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26. What are the four kinds of folks according to Jem?

27. Jem talks about “background” to explain how the Finches are different from the Cunningham’s. How does he define “background”? What separates the Cunningham’s from the Finches?

28. What is Scout’s response to this theory? What kind of folks does Scout say there are? What is Jem’s response?

29. At the end of the chapter, what conclusion does Jem draw about Boo Radley? What led him to this conclusion?

## Chapter 24

30. Mrs. Merriweather say, “If we just let them know we forgive ‘em, that we’ve forgotten it, then this whole thing’ll blow over.” Who and what is she talking about? What is ironic about her statement?

31. The theme of hypocrisy plays a major role in this chapter. What is hypocritical about the concern the ladies of the missionary circle have for the Mrunas?

32. When Mrs. Merriweather claims, “there are some good but misguided people in this town,” what is she talking about and to whom is she referring?

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33. What does Miss Maudie say that silences Mrs. Merriweather? How does Aunt Alexandra show her appreciation to Miss Maudie for her defense of Atticus?
34. Why does Scout prefer the company of men over women? Do you agree with her reasons?
35. What did Calpurnia say to Miss Rachel's cook about Tom's despair? According to her, what was the last thing Tom had told Atticus before being taken to the prison camp?
36. When Atticus arrives home, what terrible news does he bring about Tom Robinson? Summarize what happened to Tom, according to Atticus?
37. Why do you think Tom ran for the fence? Why did he keep running even when the guards warned that they would shoot?
38. Alexandra asks Miss Maudie, "What else do they want from him, Maudie, what else?" What does he mean by this question? To whom is she referring with the word *they*?
39. How does Miss Maudie reply to Alexandra's question?
40. Toward the end of the chapter, we see Aunt Alexandra in a new light. How so? Explain how Miss Maudie becomes a sudden supporter of Alexandra?



## Chapter 25

41. As Scout is about to kill a roly-poly bug. What stops her from doing it? What then does the roly-poly symbolize?
42. Dill has been present when Atticus went to tell Helen Robison the news of her husband's death. Summarize what happened at Helen's house, according to Dill. How did she take the news?
43. Scout recalls what people in Maycomb had said in the days following Tom's death. What had been the general attitude of the townspeople when they heard the news?
44. To what did Mr. Underwood's editorial compare Tom's death? What is the significance of his comparison?
45. What was Scout initially confused about when she read the editorial? What ultimately became clear to her upon her reflection?
46. What remark did Mr. Ewell make upon hearing Tom's death? What is the significance of this remark?

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## Chapter 26

47. Scout says that the Radley place has ceased to terrify her. Why?
48. What does Scout feel about the way she, Jem, and Dill once treated Boo Radley? What are her thoughts about him now?
49. What do the children talk about in current events period? According to Miss Gates what is the difference between America and Germany?
50. What is Scout surprised that her teacher hates Hitler? How is Miss Gates similar to the ladies in the missionary circle from Chapter Twenty Four?
51. Why does Scout's question upset Jem, when she talks about what she overheard at the courthouse?

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Find five quotes from chapters 22-26 that you feel are significant whether it be because they support the theme or because they jumped out at you. Explain why you chose this quote.**10**

**Points**

<b>Chapter Who says this</b>	<b>Quote</b>	<b>Significance/Explanation</b>