To Kill a Mockingbird

Question Set 3

Answer the following questions about TKM, Chapters 12 through 16. Be sure you can give a page number for each answer.

1. When Jem and Scout went with Calpurnia to her church, what new information did they learn about Cal?

2. On the way home from church, Scout asks Calpurnia why Tom Robinson is in jail. What is Cal’s answer?

3. Why did Aunt Alexandra come to stay with Atticus and the children (give at least two reasons)?

4. What reason does Atticus give for refusing to fire Calpurnia?

5. What does Scout find under her bed?

6. Where did Atticus go one night after he left the house carrying an extension cord and a light? Why?

7. Why did the Old Sarum gang leave the jailhouse?

8. Who was watching the episode in from of the jailhouse from a window above the newspaper office? What does this tell you about this person’s view of the Tom Robinson trial?

9. Why does Atticus ruffle Jen’s hair?

10. At the courthouse, Scout overhears three men say that the Tom Robinson case was assigned to Atticus. Scout wonders why Atticus never told her this…it could have made defending Atticus to other children easier. Why do you think Atticus did not tell Scout he was assigned the case?

11. Why did the children sit with Reverend Sykes in the courthouse?