

To Kill a Mockingbird



Chapter 7

1. According to Scout, what's the only good thing about second grade?
2. What spooked Jem on the night of the Radley house incident? Who, do you suppose, did this?
3. After they find the soap dolls, what does Jem realize that Scout does not yet understand?



4. Look closely at this line: "Jem stared at me so long I asked what was the matter, but got Nothing, Scout for an answer." What does the elimination of the quotation punctuation do for this passage?
5. At the end of the chapter, Jem quietly cries alone on the porch. Give two reasons to explain Jem's tears.

Chapter 8

1. What does Mr. Avery say that bad children cause? What's ironic about this, given Jem and Scout's reaction to the snow?
2. Why does Atticus awaken Jem and Scout instead of just letting them sleep through the fire incident? Give a line of text to support your answer.
3. During the fire, Boo Radley has quietly placed a blanket across Scout's shoulders. Why doesn't Jem want his father to return the blanket to the Radley family?
4. After the fire is over, how does Miss Maudie feel about the destruction of her house? What does this tell you about her character, her values?
5. Write down the line of text from this chapter that shows Jem believes that he and Scout are no better than anyone else in their town.
6. Once you've finished the chapter, go back and look at the portion that describes Jem and Scout's snowman, which is covered with white snow on the outside, but has a core of dark mud. Symbolically connect the snowman to either Mr. Avery (go beyond the "Morphodite's" physical similarity to Mr. Avery) or Boo Radley. How could the snowman be seen as a symbol for one of these men?

