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Comprehension Check

Chapters 9-11

Directions: As you read Chapters 9-11, answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper in order to guide your understanding of the important details of the story.

Chapter 9

1. Why does Scout get in a fight with Cecil Jacobs?
2. Why does Atticus feel he needs to defend Tom Robinson?
3. Why does Scout get in trouble with Uncle Jack?
4. What problem does Aunt Alexandra have with the way Scout is growing up?
5. Why does Scout get in a fight with Francis? What is the result?
6. Describe Scout's relationship with Uncle Jack.

Chapter 10

1. What do we learn about Atticus in this chapter?
2. Why is it a "sin to kill a mockingbird"?
3. Why does Mr. Tate give the rifle to Atticus, and not shoot the dog himself?
4. Why do Jem and Scout now have a new appreciation for Atticus?

Chapter 11

1. Describe Mrs. Dubose.
2. Why does Jem destroy Mrs. Dubose's flower garden?
3. What does Atticus mean when he says, "This case, Tom Robinson's case, is something that goes to the essence of a man's conscience – Scout, I couldn't go to church and worship God if I didn't try to help him"?
4. What is Jem's punishment for ruining the flower garden?
5. Why is Mrs. Dubose so sick? What finally happens to her?
6. Why does Atticus say he wants Jem to meet Mrs. Dubose?