***To Kill a Mockingbird* Chapter Questions**

*Directions: To receive full points, you must write using complete sentences.*

**Chapter 1**

1. Our narrator is Scout, a girl who will grow from age 6 to almost 9 during the story. What do you suppose we, as the readers, should be aware of as we listen to Scout tell her story? Is a child a reliable or unreliable narrator? Defend your answer.

2. Jem and Scout call their father by his first name, Atticus, instead of calling him “Dad” or “Daddy.” What does this tell you about their relationship?

3. Who are the Radleys? Describe their house and yard.

4. Who were the Cunningham boys and what happened to them? What’s the irony here?

**Chapter 2**

1. Why does Scout’s ability to read and write annoy her teacher, Miss Caroline? What do you think of Miss Caroline Fisher as a teacher?

2. Atticus says that country people, like the Cunninghams, were hit the hardest by “the crash.” To what is he referring? Why would country people be the ones to suffer the most? Why are professional people also suffering?

3. An entailment is an unusual legality that prohibits a piece of land from being sold. It was designed to protect a family’s interest in a piece of land because it could only be passed down to a member of the same family, never sold for profit. Jem describes an entailment as “a condition of having your tail in a crack,” and Atticus later says that Jem’s description is surprisingly accurate. How is this an apt description for the Cunningham family?

**Chapter 3**

1. When Scout criticizes Walter Cunningham’s eating habits, Calpurnia scolds Scout, smacks her on the bottom as she sends the girl out of the room, and then lectures her on proper manners, saying, “Yo’ folks might be better’n the Cunninghams but it don’t count for nothin’ the way you’re disgracin’ ‘em.” What does Calpurnia mean here? Is she right?

2. Describe the way that Atticus treats Walter. What do you think of this?

3. Atticus tells Scout that you never really understand a person “until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.” What does this mean? Give an example from your world to illustrate this idea.

4. What is the “compromise” which Atticus suggests at the end of the chapter?

5. Who are the Ewells? How are they the same as the Cunninghams? How are they different? Why do Maycomb officials bend the rules for the Ewells? Is this the right thing to do?

**Chapter 4**

1. What does Scout think of her school’s new style of education? What does this failing show us about adults?

2. What’s the first thing Scout finds in the knothole of the tree on the edge of the Radley property? What’s the second thing she finds? How many of each item was there? Significance of this? Who, do you suppose, put the items in the tree hole?

3. Scout has two reasons for wanting to quit Jem and Dill’s Radley game. What are they?

**Chapter 5**

1. Describe Miss Maudie Atkinson. How typical is she of Maycomb’s women? What do the children think of her?

2. Miss Maudie says, “…sometimes the Bible in the hands of one man is worse than a whiskey bottle in the hand of—oh, of your father.” Explain what she means.

3. Scout says that “Dill Harris could tell the biggest” lies she ever heard. Why might Dill have told such lies?

4. Paraphrase Atticus’ speech about the Radleys’ right to privacy. Do you agree with his point of view? Why or why not?