Chapter 5

1. What do you think of Miss Maudie? Why?

Use a quote to support your answer:

1. List two things that Scout is confused or upset over in this chapter.
2. Explain the following quote: “ Miss Maudie stopped rocking, and her voice hardened. “You too young to understand it,” she said, “but sometimes the bible in the hand of one man is worse than a whiskey bottle in the hand of-- oh, of your father” (50).
3. How do the kids decide to contact Boo Radley?
4. Atticus is very upset when he catches the kids playing. Do you think he’s overreacting or is he right? Explain your answer.

Quote:

Chapter 6

1. What is Mr. Avery’s unique talent?
2. How do the kids decide to “celebrate” Dill’s last night in Maycomb?
3. Summarize Dill’s explanation for Jem’s missing pants.
4. Who is your favorite character to this point? Why?
5. Why do Dill, Jem, and Scout run from the Radley Place?

Chapter 7

1. What, according to Scout, causes Jem and her to begin “to part company”?
2. How does Scout follow Atticus’ advice on the first page of chapter 7?

Quote:

1. Summarize Scout’s assessment of second grade.

Quote:

1. What does Jem finally tell Scout about his pants that he retrieved?
2. What do Jem and Scout realize about the carved soap figures they find in the knothole?
3. When Jem and Scout find the knothole filled with cement, what explanation does Nathan Radley give? What does Atticus tell Jem about the tree?

Chapter 8

1. Describe how Jem constructs his “snowman.” What compliment does Atticus pay Jem?
2. What does Atticus say he could be when he grows up and why?
3. Why does Atticus wake the children in the middle of the night?
4. What is Scout wearing when standing in front of the Radley Place? How does Atticus explain the presence of her attire?
5. Describe Scout’s reaction to the news she receives.

Quote:

1. What is Miss Maudie’s reaction to the loss of her house?

Chapter 9

1. Why does Scout forget what Atticus told her about fighting?
2. What does Atticus tell Scout to do when she hears “ugly talk?” at school?
3. What comparison does Scout use to describe her relationship with her Aunt Alexandra?
4. Explain Scout’s reasoning regarding her “cussing frequently.”
5. Why does Scout fight Francis?
6. What does Scout make her Uncle Jack promise not to tell Atticus the truth about?
7. What does Atticus tell Jack he hopes Jem and Scout will do instead of listening to the town? Why is this important?

Quote:

Chapter 10

1. Explain why Scout is upset over Atticus being “so old.”
2. Atticus tells the children they’re not to kill mockingbirds because doing so is a sin. How does Miss Maudie explain Atticus’ reasoning to Scout?

Quote:

1. Why does the sheriff ask Atticus to shoot Tim Johnson?
2. What explanation does Miss Maudie off for “Ol’ One-Shot” (Atticus) putting his gun down thirty years ago?
3. What does Jem tell Scout to do about their father’s shooting of the dog?

Chapter 11

1. What does Atticus do that causes Scout to say she felt he was the “bravest man who ever lived”?
2. What does Jem do to Mrs. Dubose’s camellia bushes? Explain why he does this.
3. What does Mrs. Dubose want from Jem as payment for his “crime”?
4. How does Atticus explain the term “nigger-lover” to Scout?

Quote:

1. How does Atticus explain “courage” to Jem?