



## *To Kill a Mockingbird*

1. In Chapter 1, WB p. 5-6/GCP p. 6, the narrator notes, "But it was a time of vague optimism for some of the people: Maycomb County had recently been told that it had nothing to fear but fear itself." This alludes to another famous quote.
  - A) Who in history said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?"
  - B) What was the situation in which it was said?
  - C) Given what you have learned about this quotation, estimate the year the novel is set in.
2. In Chapter 10, WB p. 90/GCP p. 119, Miss Maudie says, "Mockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy. They don't eat up people's gardens, don't nest in corncribs, they don't do one thing but sing their hearts out for us. That's why it's a sin to kill a mockingbird." This quotation (and several more like it) explains an important theme of this novel.

(A theme is the writer's message to the audience about life.) Write this theme in your own words. Do not refer to mockingbirds because the statement above is a metaphor for humans.
3. In Chapter 10, WB p. 98/GCP p. 130, after Atticus shoots a mad dog, Miss Maudie explains why Atticus, the best shot in the county, had not shot a gun in many years: "I guess he decided he wouldn't shoot till he had to...." What does Miss Maudie's remark tell the reader about Atticus? (This is making an inference.)
4. In Chapter 10, WB p. 99/GCP p. 131, after Atticus shoots the mad dog, Jem says, "Atticus is a gentleman, just like me." What does this quotation tell the reader about Jem's attitude toward his father?
5. In Chapter 11, WB p. 112/GCP p. 149, Atticus gives his idea of courage: "It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do." Do you agree with this definition of courage? Explain your answer.
6. Closely read Chapter 15 and briefly summarize what happens here.
7. Carefully read Chapter 30. Briefly summarize the argument between Atticus and Sheriff Tate. This chapter is tricky and a little hard to understand; you will need to make inferences and know the characters well. You may need to read it more than once to understand it.
8. At one point in Chapter 30, WB p. 275/GCP p. 369, Atticus "moved with the same slowness that night in front of the jail, when I thought it took him forever to fold his newspaper and toss it into his chair." Later in this same chapter (WB p. 276/GCP p. 370), Atticus "got up and walked across the porch into the shadows" and "his youthful step had returned." Thoroughly explain this change in Atticus.
9. Carefully read Chapter 31. On WB p. 279/GCP p. 374, the narrator notes, "Atticus was right. One time he said you never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them." What event(s) on that page and on the previous one or two pages leads the narrator to that conclusion?
10. The main character, Atticus Finch, portrays many Christian values throughout the novel. Describe a situation in which he exhibits at least one of these values. Support your answer with evidence from the novel and scriptures from the Bible.



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Choose **ONE** of the following selections to read. (Note: For returning students – You may not choose the same devotional you did last year.) These are devotionals which include readings as well as questions to be answered. Students should have these devotionals completed by the first day of school and turned in to their Bible teachers by Tuesday, August 14.

**The Man You Could Be** (for the gentlemen only) by Paul W. Downey [https://www.amazon.com/Man-You-Could-Be-Reflections/dp/1591667593/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859456&sr=8-1&keywords=The+man+you+could+be](https://www.amazon.com/Man-You-Could-Be-Reflections/dp/1591667593/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859456&sr=8-1&keywords=The+man+you+could+be)

**The Noticer** by Andy Andrews (rather than filling out blanks inside each chapter, the chapter questions you need to answer are located in the back of the book) [https://www.amazon.com/Noticer-Sometimes-person-little-perspective/dp/078523232X/ref=pd\\_bxgy\\_14\\_img\\_2?encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=078523232X&pd\\_rd\\_r=H56ZSH9NCR27PPNAQIM&pd\\_rd\\_w=xUgZE&pd\\_rd\\_wg=iaHyR&psc=1&refRID=H56ZSH9NCR27PPNAQIM](https://www.amazon.com/Noticer-Sometimes-person-little-perspective/dp/078523232X/ref=pd_bxgy_14_img_2?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=078523232X&pd_rd_r=H56ZSH9NCR27PPNAQIM&pd_rd_w=xUgZE&pd_rd_wg=iaHyR&psc=1&refRID=H56ZSH9NCR27PPNAQIM)

**I.D. Who Am I in Christ?** (for ladies and gentlemen) by Natalie Durso [https://www.amazon.com/I-D-Who-Am-Christ-Natalie-Durso/dp/1606829939/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859833&sr=8-1&keywords=ID+Who+Am+I+in+Christ](https://www.amazon.com/I-D-Who-Am-Christ-Natalie-Durso/dp/1606829939/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859833&sr=8-1&keywords=ID+Who+Am+I+in+Christ)

**No Matter What, You Can Rejoice** (for ladies only) by Michelle Grover [https://www.amazon.com/No-Matter-What-Rejoice-Reflections/dp/1591668204/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859870&sr=8-1&keywords=No+matter+what%2C+you+can+rejoice](https://www.amazon.com/No-Matter-What-Rejoice-Reflections/dp/1591668204/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494859870&sr=8-1&keywords=No+matter+what%2C+you+can+rejoice)

**More Beautiful You** (for ladies only) by Jonny Diaz [https://www.amazon.com/More-Beautiful-You-Jonny-Diaz/dp/1606830279/ref=sr\\_1\\_fkmr1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494867222&sr=8-1-fkmr1&keywords=devotional+book+jonny+diaz](https://www.amazon.com/More-Beautiful-You-Jonny-Diaz/dp/1606830279/ref=sr_1_fkmr1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1494867222&sr=8-1-fkmr1&keywords=devotional+book+jonny+diaz)

\*\*\* Remember to list your completed required book on your Summer Reading Log to receive credit for the pages read.