

Chapter 1

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After reading the chapter carefully, answer the following questions. You will need to look back through the text to find the answers.

1. What does Scout tell us about her family and their history?
2. Why do you think this information is in the first chapter?
3. For what reason has Harper Lee made her narrator motherless?
4. At what point in the chapter do we learn the age of Scout when the events took place and why do you think this is left until this point?
5. What do we learn about the town of Maycomb?
6. What impression do you get of the place from Scout's description?
7. What else do we learn about Scout from this first chapter?
8. Which other characters do we read about and what information do we learn?

Chapter 2

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After reading the chapter carefully, answer the following questions. You will need to look back through the text to find the answers.

1. Find the description of Miss Caroline Fisher, write it down, and explain what first impression this gives us of Scout's teacher.
2. Why do you think all the boys are 'wriggling like a bucketful of Catawba worms' during the story about the cat? What does this suggest about Miss Fisher's understanding of her class?
3. What mistake does Miss Fisher make in trying to give Walter the quarter? Why do you think Scout gets in trouble for trying to explain the problem?
4. Why do you think Harper Lee includes this incident here?
5. How do you feel about Miss Caroline, and Scout, when Scout reports, 'I saw her sink down into her chair and bury her head in her arms. Had her conduct been more friendly towards me, I would have felt sorry for her. She was a pretty little thing.' Remember Scout is only 6 when this happens.
6. Overall, what is your impression of Miss Caroline Fisher at the end of this chapter?