

Chapter 12

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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 three quotations which show Scout is a young child. For each quotation, write EE or PEA.
2. Describe the First Purchase church in detail and explain how Lee shows us that the African-Americans who worship there are poor.
3. What does Scout find surprising about the church service? You must be able to name at least two points.
4. What do we learn about Calpurnia's history and family background?
5. What does it tell us, as readers, about Scout and Jem and their background that they only discover Calpurnia's history at this point?

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1. From information that Scout gives us, describe Aunt Alexandra and her personality.
2. Aunt Alexandra and Atticus give different reasons for her arrival; what are these reasons and what do you think Atticus means by his answer?
3. Why do you think Harper Lee depicts Aunt Alexandra as someone who, as described by Scout, was, '... of the opinion, delicately expressed, that the longer a family had been squatting on one patch of land the finer it was'? Look at what happens immediately after this information and the impact it has through the rest of the novel.
4. What does Scout mean when she reflects, 'Aunt Alexandra fitted into the world of Maycomb like a hand in a glove, but never into the world of Jem and me'?
5. During this chapter, Aunt Alexandra shows Scout and Jem a purple-covered book which was written by Cousin Joshua. Jem's response begins, 'Is this the Cousin Joshua who was locked up for so long? ... Why, Atticus said he went round the bend at the University. Said he tried to shoot the president ...' Re-read this short episode and then compare what Atticus and Aunt Alexandra's opinions of this person are. Remember to consider the end of the chapter when Atticus refers again to Cousin Joshua. What do their differing opinions show us about them and their attitudes?
6. Atticus tries to talk to the children about the importance of being a Finch but then tells them to forget it and leaves the room. What do you think Scout means, when she explains at the end of the chapter, 'I know now what he was trying to do, but Atticus was only a man. It takes a woman to do that kind of work'?