

## Chapter 26

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

1. Summarise Scout's feelings about the Radley place, their attempts to see Arthur Radley and how she imagines the meeting between the two of them to go.
2. Why do you think Harper Lee re-introduces the idea of Arthur Radley again here before returning to the subject of Tom Robinson?
3. What does Scout mean when she refers to, '... the events of the summer hanging over us like smoke in a closed room'?
4. When reporting the feelings of people in Maycomb Scout explains, 'There was one odd thing, though, that I never understood: in spite of Atticus's shortcomings as a parent, people were content to re-elect him to the state legislature that year, as usual, without opposition.' Why does Harper Lee include this information and what does it tell us about the residents of the town?
5. What is ironic about Miss Gates's comments about Mr. Taylor persecuting the Jews? Why is Scout so confused by her remarks?
6. Why do you think Jem reacts as he does to Scout's question?

## Chapter 27

1. What does Scout report happens to Bob Ewell? Why do you think he feels so aggrieved?
2. Harper Lee includes what sounds like a minor incident of an intruder at Judge Taylor's house; why do you think she does this?
3. What does the story about Helen Robinson and the Ewells tell us about Link Deas?
4. What reasons does Atticus give Aunt Alexandra for Bob Ewell continuing to harbour a grudge and for breaking into Judge Taylor's house?
5. Why does Harper Lee have Scout report a summary of what she hears at the missionary society teas, 'I learned more about the poor Mrunas' social life from listening to Mrs Merriweather,' to, 'J.Grimes Everett was doing his utmost to change this state of affairs, and desperately needed our prayers.'?
6. Why do all the children in Maycomb put their shoes on after Misses Tutti and Fruitti's furniture is dumped in the cellar?
7. From Scout's description of the intended pageant, what sort of impression do we get of Mrs Merriweather?
8. Harper Lee has to make Atticus and Aunt Alexandra stay at home in order for her plot to work. In what ways might their decision to miss the pageant affect the reader's opinion of them?