

Chapter 30

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1. At the beginning of this chapter we learn more about various characters' interactions with Arthur Radley; what are they and what does it show us about the characters?
2. When the men are out on the porch Scout refers to a, 'curious contest, the nature of which eluded me, was developing between my father and the sheriff.' What is Scout referring to here?
3. Why is Atticus so keen to make Heck Tate see that Jem killed Bob Ewell?
4. Mr Tate is adamant that Bob Ewell fell on his own knife even though this is not the truth; why is this the case?
5. How do we know that Scout does understand the meaning of the conversation on the porch?
6. What does Atticus mean when he says to Arthur Radley, 'Thank you for my children, Arthur,'?

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1. What does it tell us that Scout understands Arthur and his intentions so well even though he doesn't speak and she has only met him before?
2. What does Scout mean when she says, 'I would lead him through our house, but I would never lead him home.'? What does it show us about Scout's growing understanding of manners and the traditions of Maycomb county?
3. What does Scout realise when she stands on Arthur's front porch by the shuttered window, after he's gone inside? To what extent does this explain his 'friendship' with the children?
4. Why does Harper Lee include the line from Scout, 'I felt very old but when I looked at the tip of my nose I could see fine misty beads, but looking cross-eyed made me dizzy so I quit,' when it seems so inconsequential to the events of the evening?
5. What is the message Harper Lee has Scout, half-asleep, summarizing the story of *The Grey Ghost* to Atticus?
6. The final words in the novel are, 'He turned out the light and went into Jem's room. He would stay there all night, and he would be there when Jem waked up in the morning.' Why do you think the novel finishes in this way and how effective do you find them as final words?