

Chapter 5

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

1. Scout tells us that Dill asked her to marry him and then a few sentences later 'I beat him up twice but it did no good.' What do these actions imply to us about the characters?
2. What do we learn about Miss Maudie in this chapter?
3. Why does Harper Lee have Scout talk to Miss Maudie about Arthur Radley?
4. What do we learn about Atticus from Miss Maudie? What do you think she means when she says, 'Atticus Finch is the same in his house as he is on the public streets.'?
5. When Scout and Dill are arguing Dill tells some more stories about his daddy. What are they and what others does Scout report to the reader? Why do you think Harper Lee has made Dill's character like this?
6. Why might it be important for the story that Atticus catches Jem trying to deliver a note to Boo Radley?

Chapter 6

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

1. What reason does Scout give for Jem and Dill waiting for tonight to try to get a look at Arthur Radley?
2. Find, re-read, and then either draw a labelled diagram of the Radley house or write about it in your own words. What sort of impression do we get of it from Lee's description?
3. What reason does Dill give for Jem not wearing any pants (trousers)?
4. Why is the phrase, 'I admired my brother. Matches were dangerous, but cards were fatal' ironic?
5. Jem decides to return later in the night to the Radley yard for his pants despite Scout's protestations that 'lickin' hurts but it doesn't last.' She thinks Jem should accept punishment from Atticus rather than risk going to the Radleys' house again. What do you think she means when she writes, 'It was then, I suppose, that Jem and I first began to part company. Sometimes I did not understand him, but my periods of bewilderment were short-lived. This was beyond me.'
6. What do you think are Jem's reasons for risking Radley's shotgun rather than his father's anger?