

Book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Schedule- March 19- 27

Read chapters 1-10 pages 1-117 (We read chapters 1-4)

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1	1-19	6	67-76
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Read chapters 11-20 pages 132-275

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13	169-179	18	239-254
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Read chapters 21-31 pages 276-376

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21	276-283	26	324 -331	31	371-376
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23	291-304	28	341-357		
24.	305-318	29	358-362		
25.	319-323	30	363-376		

## Activities

Week 1 Write a summary in your own words from chapters 5 to 10 in your notebook.

Week 2 Write a summary in your own words from chapters 11 to 20 in your notebook.

Week 3 write an essay: pick one of the following topics.

## Exercises for Part 1 (chapter 1-11)

It is the 1930s. Maycomb is in the USA. Scout is a six years old. She lives with her brother, Jem. Their father is called Atticus. Scout and Jem spend the summer with a boy called Dill. The children are fascinated by a man call Boo Radley. Scout starts school. She does not like her teacher. Someone is putting gifts in a tree for Scout and Jem. Miss Maudie's house sets on fire. Boo Radley puts a blanket around her. Scout and Jem still do not know what Boo Radley looks like.

• If the sentence is true write true • If the sentence is false write false

Example: Jem is a girl. False

1. Scout is 6 years old. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Atticus is a lawyer. \_\_\_\_
3. When Scout was 3 years old her mother died. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Calpurnia is a teacher. \_\_\_\_
5. Dill tells Scout and Jem interesting stories. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The children are fascinated by Boo Radley. \_\_\_\_
7. The children have never seen Boo Radley. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Scout really likes school. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Miss Fisher is very nice. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Scout finds some chewing gum in a tree. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Jem finds a mobile phone in the tree. \_
12. Jem and Scout want to write a letter to Boo. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Jem has never seen snow. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Scout makes a snowman. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Miss Fisher's house is on fire. \_\_\_\_\_
16. Boo Bradley puts a blanket around Scout. \_\_\_\_\_

## Who's who in the story?

In Chapter One so many characters (25) are introduced.

Do you know who is who?

1. What is the name of Scout's brother?
2. What is the name of Scout's father?
3. What is Scout's surname?
4. What is the name of the cook who lives with Scout's family?
5. What is the name of the boy who comes to stay with his aunt?
6. What is the name of the man who the children are fascinated by?
7. What is Scout's teacher called?
8. What is the name of the boy who has a fight with Scout?
9. What is the name of the boy who Miss Fisher says is dirty and poor?
10. What is the name of the lady whose house sets on fire?

## Answer these questions in full sentences

**Example: Where is Maycomb? Maycomb is in the U.S.A.**

1. What year does the story take place?
2. How old is Scout?
3. What job does Atticus do?
4. What happened to Scout's mother?
5. How old is Dill?
6. What is Dill always telling Scout and Jem?
7. Who are the children fascinated by?

8. What is Scout's teacher called?
9. Does Scout like school?
10. Why does Miss Fisher not like Walter Cunningham?
11. What does Scout find in the tree outside the Radley's house?
12. What does Jem find in the tree?
13. When the children go to Boo's house what do they see in the window?
14. Why does Boo Radley's brother fill the tree with cement?
15. Whose house is on fire?
16. Who puts a blanket around Scout?
17. Do Scout and Jem know what Boo looks like?

### **Extra questions**

**1. Can you remember your first day at school?**

**2. Did you like the first day at school?**

### **Exercises for Part 2 (chapter 12-31)**

Atticus is a lawyer. He tells his children that he is going to defend a black man called Tom Robinson. In Maycomb, most white people are racist. Scout and Jem are given rifles for Christmas. Atticus tells them not to shoot mockingbirds because all they do is sing. Aunt Alexandra comes to stay with them. Dill runs away from home because he does not like his step-father.

**• If the sentence is true write true • If the sentence is false write false**

**Example: Atticus is a lawyer. True**

1. Atticus is going to defend Tom Robinson.
2. Tom Robinson is a white man.
3. Most white people in Maycomb do not like black people.
4. Atticus says it is wrong to fight.
5. At Christmas Scout gets a computer.
6. Atticus tells his children not to shoot mockingbirds.
7. In February Atticus shoots 7 mockingbirds.
8. Jem cuts the flowers in Mrs Dubose's garden.
9. Aunt Alexandra comes to stay for the summer.
10. Aunt Alex is not racist.
11. Scout thinks there is a snake under her bed.
12. Dill can stay with the Finchs for the summer holiday.

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example: What does Atticus do? Atticus is a lawyer.**

1. Who is Atticus going to defend?
2. Why does Atticus think Tom Robinson will go to jail?
3. Why are most white people in Maycomb angry with Atticus?
4. Why does Atticus tell his children not to shoot mockingbirds?
5. Why is Jem angry with Mrs. Dubose?
6. Where does Calpurnia take Scout and Jem?
7. What are the people talking about in church?
8. Who is Aunt Alexandra?
9. Why is Aunt Alexandra angry?
10. What does Aunt Alexandra want to do to with Calpurnia?
11. Do Scout and Jem like Aunt Alexandra?
12. Is Aunt Alexandra racist?

13. Who is hiding under Scout's bed?
14. Why has Dill run away from home?
15. Can Dill stay with the Finch's for the summer holidays

#### Essay Questions

1. Why does Atticus choose not to reveal to his children that Judge Taylor appointed him to Tom's case? How does his decision affect Scout's perception of her father?
2. Do you think that the adult Jean Louise telling the story through Scout's eyes may have added any embellishments to the story? Think of an event from your own life that occurred at least five years ago. Do you see the event differently now? How do memory and education affect your perception of the event?
3. If Scout and Jem's mother were still alive, how might the following people be different: Atticus, Scout, Jem, Calpurnia, and Aunt Alexandra?
4. Would Heck Tate have filed charges against Tom Robinson so quickly if Tom were white? Why or why not? Would Sheriff Tate have been so unwilling to file charges against Boo Radley if Boo was black? Why or why not?
5. Compare and contrast the relationship between Jem and Scout with the relationship between Atticus and Aunt Alexandra.
6. Based on what you know about Scout, describe the adult Jean Louise Finch.
7. Suppose that Mayella had admitted that she was lying when she testified against Tom. What would have happened to her? What would've happened to Tom? How would Scout, Jem, and Dill perceive the situation differently? Would the town have been willing to accept Tom's innocence? Why or why not?
8. What significance do the items that Boo leaves for the children have? What do they tell you about Boo? Why does his brother object so strongly to his leaving items for the children?
9. Harper Lee uses language and grammar that mirrors how the characters actually speak. Is this technique helpful in understanding the characters? Is it distracting? Could Lee have told the same story with the same impact if she'd used proper grammar throughout?
10. Compare the way Miss Caroline treats Scout on her first day of school with the way the town treats Mayella Ewell.
11. What, if any, prejudices do African Americans face in today's world? Have the issues that Lee discusses in *To Kill a Mockingbird* been resolved or are they ongoing? What forms of prejudice can you identify in your own community? Have you ever been the victim of prejudice? Did the situation end justly? Explain.

## 12. Why does Boo Radley stay inside all the time?

### **To Kill a Mockingbird Character List**

#### **Scout (Jean Louise Finch)**

The narrator and main character who begins her story at almost six years old. A rebellious tomboy, Scout has a fierce disposition toward any who challenge her, but at heart she believes in the goodness of people. Scout reacts to the terrible events of the book without losing hope in humanity.

#### **Jem (Jeremy Finch)**

Scout's older brother, who is nearly ten at the beginning of the story. Jem is quieter and more reserved than his sister, and has very high standards and expectations for people. When these expectations are not met, Jem has a difficult time resolving his feelings.

#### **Dill (Charles Baker Harris)**

A friend of the Finch children, who is a little older than Scout, quite short for his age, has an active imagination, and exhibits a strong sense of adventure. He initiates the first expeditions toward the Radley house, and is Scout's best friend. His family life is less than ideal, and he tends to resort to escapism when confronted with difficult situations. Dill spends summers with his aunt, who lives next door to the Finch family.

#### **Atticus Finch**

The father of Scout and Jem, Atticus is a lawyer and an extremely morally upright man who strives to deal with everyone fairly. Atticus is sometimes overly optimistic, but his unshakable hope in mankind and self-created role as the town 'do-gooder' sustain him. Atticus' wife died when Scout was very small, and he has raised his children only with the assistance of Calpurnia, his black housekeeper and cook.

#### **Boo Radley**

A recluse who never emerges from his house. As a young boy, he was in trouble with the police, and his strictly religious and reclusive parents have kept him indoors ever since. A prisoner in his home, he stabbed his father with scissors once, and no one has seen him since. The town has developed a myth that he is an insane monster who wanders around at night peering into people's windows. Throughout the book, he lives with his brother, who is highly controlling.

#### **Tom Robinson**

A black man who stands falsely accused of raping Mayella Ewell. Atticus agrees to take his case, even though he knows it is probably hopeless, if only to show the white community its own moral degeneracy.

#### **Calpurnia**

A black woman who works as the Finch family's cook and housekeeper. She is one of the many motherly figures in Scout's life and one of the few who can negotiate between the very separate black and white worlds of Maycomb.

#### **Aunt Alexandra**

Atticus's sister, who has very strict, traditional ideas of how society works and the role a Southern woman should play. She earnestly tries to pass along this information to Scout, who is not particularly interested. Alexandra is concerned with raising Atticus's children "properly," and thus appears during the summer of Tom's trial to stay with them.

#### **Maudie Atkinson**

A kind, cheerful, and witty neighbor and trusted friend of Scout's, who also upholds a strong moral code and helps the children gain perspective on the events surrounding the trial. She also loves gardening.

**Bob Ewell**

An evil, ignorant man who belongs to the lowest substratum of Maycomb society. He lives with his nine motherless children in a shack near the town dump. Evidence from the trial suggests that he caught his daughter kissing Tom, proceeded to beat her, and then encouraged her to claim Tom raped her. He drinks heavily and spends his relief checks on whiskey rather than food for his family. Bob holds a strong grudge against Atticus and attacks his children at the end of the novel.

**Mayella Ewell**

The oldest of the many Ewell children, at age nineteen. She lives a miserable and lonely existence, despised by whites and prohibited from befriending blacks. However, she breaks a social taboo by trying to seduce Tom, then reacts with cowardice by accusing him of rape and perjuring against him in court.

**Heck Tate**

Maycomb County's trusty sheriff, who is ultimately an honest and upstanding man.

**Reverend Sykes**

The reverend for the all-black congregation, First Purchase African M.E. church, which Scout and Jem visit one day with Calpurnia.

**Judge Taylor**

The judge for Tom's trial. Taylor is a good, sensible man with a sense of humor, who manages a strict courtroom.

**Mr. Gilmer**

Lawyer for the Ewell family in Tom Robinson's case.

**Mrs. Dubose**

A mean, sick, very old woman who lives near the Finch family. Jem unknowingly assists her with her heroic attempt to conquer her morphine addiction, a fight that wins her Atticus's highest praises.

**Walter Cunningham**

A poor farmer who is among the "Sarum bunch," a crowd which assembles near the town jail the night before Tom's trial in order to start a lynching. He is deeply moved by Scout's friendly words when she tries to diffuse the situation, and as a result leads the rest of the men in going home. Ever after, he respects the Finch family greatly.

**Walter Cunningham (Jr.)**

Son of the other Walter, who attends first grade with Scout.

**Adolphus Raymond**

A white man who chose to marry a black woman and have "mixed" children. He pretends to be a drunk so that the townspeople will have a way to more comfortably explain his behavior and life choices.

**Helen Robinson**

Wife of Tom.

**Uncle Jack**

Atticus's brother, a doctor Jem and Scout are very fond of.

**Francis**

One of Aunt Alexandra's grandchildren, who spends Christmas with the Finch family and annoys Scout by being both boring and cruel.

