Character List – identify each of the following characters from the novel. Include real names where applicable.

Scout
Jem
Dill
Atticus Finch
Calpurnia
Boo Radley
Miss Caroline Fisher
Walter Cunningham
Burris Ewell
Little Chuck Little
Miss Maudie Atkins

Chapter 1
1. What does Atticus do for a living? Who were his first two clients? What does this say about the kind of person that Atticus is?
2. Why hasn’t Boo Radley left the house in so long?
3. What does Dill dare Jem to do?

Chapter 2
4. Describe the highlights of Scout’s first day at school. How does she feel about education?

Chapter 3
5. Who comes home to lunch with Scout and Jem? What lesson does Scout learn as a result?
6. How do the Ewells handle their education?
7. What compromise does Scout make with Atticus regarding her education?

Chapter 4
8. What does Scout find in the tree near the Radley place? How does Jem react?
9. What do Scout and Jem later find in the tree? What does Jem say he will do with them?
10. What new game do Scout, Jem, and Dill invent during the summer? What are the two reasons that Scout doesn’t want to play this game any more?

Chapter 5
11. What seems to be Scout’s solution to dealing with boys who bother her? What did Dill do to prompt this reaction from her?
12. What does Scout learn from Miss Maudie?
13. What plan do Jem and Dill come up with regarding Boo Radley? How does this project end?

Chapter 6
14. What are Jem and Dill planning to do?

15. Why have they waited until tonight to do it?

16. What happens when they try to escape?

17. What is Mr. Radley’s version of the story?

18. What excuse do the boys give Atticus for Jem’s lack of pants?

19. Why doesn’t Scout want Jem to go back for his pants? Why does Jem feel he has to?

Chapter 7
20. What didn’t Jem tell Scout about the night he got shot at?

21. When Atticus says “to delete the adjectives and [you’ll] have the facts” (p. 59), what does he mean?

22. What do they find in the tree?

23. How do they respond to these gifts?

24. What happens to this plan?

Chapter 8
25. What is Mr. Avery’s explanation for the unusually cold winter?

26. How does Scout respond to the snow?

27. What is Jem’s plan?

28. Why does Atticus wake Scout up in the middle of the night?

29. Who puts the blanket on Scout’s shoulders without her noticing?
Chapter 9
1. What starts the fight between Scout and Cecil Jacobs?

2. What is Atticus’s explanation?

3. Why does Atticus feel that he has to take this case? Is he going to win?

4. What is Uncle Jack’s objection to Scout’s behavior? What is Aunt Alexandra’s objection?

5. What do Scout and Jem receive for Christmas from Uncle Jack?

6. What is Scout’s problem with her cousin Francis?

Chapter 10
7. What are the things that Scout thinks are wrong with Atticus?

8. The title of the book appears on page 90. How is it used?

9. What is wrong with Mr. Johnson’s dog?

10. What do Jem and Scout discover about their father? Why haven’t they known this before?

Identify the following characters.

Mr. Avery
Helen Robinson
Tom Robinson
Zeebo
Lula
Mrs. Dubose
Mr. Dolphus Raymond
Chapter 11

11. What does Mrs. Dubose think of the Finch family?

12. How does Jem get into trouble?

13. What is his punishment?

14. Why does Scout go with him?

15. Atticus says “the one thing that doesn’t abide by majority rule is a person’s conscience” (p. 105). What does this mean?

16. What causes Mrs. Dubose’s fits?

Chapter 12

17. Where is Atticus?

18. What is the name of Calpurnia’s church? Why?

19. How do the people at Calpurnia’s church respond to Jem and Scout?

20. Why can’t Helen Robinson get work?

21. Why does Calpurnia talk differently to different people?

Chapter 13

22. Why has Aunt Alexandra come to live with Scout, Jem, and Atticus?

23. In Aunt A’s opinion, what makes “fine folks?” In Scout’s opinion?

Chapter 14

24. What do Atticus and Aunt Alexandra argue about? What literary device did I use in that last sentence? ;-)

25. What is hiding under Scout’s bed?

26. Why did Dill run away?
Chapter 15

11. Where does Atticus go, late at night? What does he take with him?

12. Who else shows up? Who was supposed to be there, but wasn’t? Why not?

13. Why do certain people want Atticus to move out of the way?

14. What defuses the situation?

Chapter 16

15. How does Aunt Alexandra feel about Calpurnia? How is this different from the way that Atticus feels?

16. Where doesn’t Atticus want to see the children during the day? Why?

17. Why don’t people approve of what Atticus is doing?

18. Who is the first witness on the stand?

Identify the following characters.

Heck Tate
Mr. Gilmer
Idlers’ Club
Judge Taylor
Robert E. Lee Ewell
Mayella Ewell
Reverend Sykes

Chapter 17

19. Describe the events that took place on November 21 as Mr. Ewell recounts them.

20. Which of Mayella Ewell’s eyes was injured? Why is this important?

21. Describe the Ewells’ living conditions.
22. Is Mr. Ewell (Mayella’s father) left- or right-handed? Why is this important?

23. What is Jem’s reaction to this information? Scout’s?

Chapter 18
24. What is Mayella’s version of the events of November 21?

25. What is Mayella’s reaction to Atticus at first? After he starts questioning her?

26. What does Atticus try to get Mayella to admit?

What does Scout notice about Tom Robinson when Mayella identifies him as her attacker? Why is this important?

Chapter 19
27. How often was Tom Robinson inside the fence at the Ewell place? Why?

28. Who speaks on Tom’s behalf? Why does Judge Taylor react the way he does?

29. How does Dill react to the cross-examination?

Chapter 20
30. What is Mr. Raymond’s secret? Why does he act this way?

31. Summarize Atticus’s closing remarks to the jury.

Chapter 21
32. What is the verdict?

33. How does the African-American community respond to the verdict?
Chapter 22
1. What does Atticus mean when he says, “It’s as much Maycomb County as missionary teas”?

2. What is Atticus’s initial reaction to the verdict? What is his opinion the following morning?

3. What does the Finch family find on the back steps in the morning? Who sent these things? Why?

4. What does Miss Maudie have to say about the trial?

5. What news does Miss Stephanie have at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 23
6. What was Atticus’s response to Bob Ewell’s attack?

7. What is Atticus’s opinion on the death penalty?

8. What are some of the reasons that juries in Maycomb County are formed in the way that they are?

9. What do Scout and Jem learn about one of the Cunninghams? What is Scout’s response? Aunt Alexandra’s?

10. What is Jem’s insight into what Aunt A considers “fine folks?” How does he feel that this explains Boo Radley staying inside?

Chapter 24
11. What are the ladies of the town, led by Aunt Alexandra, doing at the Finch house?

12. What is the irony of this?

13. What news does Atticus bring home?

14. Aunt Alexandra is upset at the effect that all this is having on Atticus. What is Miss Maudie’s response?

Chapter 25
15. To what does Mr. Underwood compare the killing of Tom Robinson in his editorial?

Chapter 26
16. What does Scout hear about during Current Events at school?

17. What is ironic about her teacher’s lesson about this?
Chapter 27

18. What three things happen in Maycomb in October?

19. Why is Bob Ewell determined to have revenge on Atticus, Judge Taylor, and Helen Robinson?

20. What prank did the town children play last Hallowe’en? What is the adults’ response for this Hallowe’en?

21. What is Scout’s role in the school pageant?

22. When Scout says at the end of the chapter, “Thus began our longest journey together,” what literary device is this an example of?

Chapter 28

23. What do the children hear as they pass the Radley place?

24. What happens to Scout’s performance during the pageant?

25. What happens as Scout and Jem are walking home?

26. What does Sheriff Tate tell the Finches at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 29

27. What does Sheriff Tate think about Scout’s costume?

28. Who is standing in the corner of Jem’s room? What did he have to do with the attack?

Chapter 30

29. What does Atticus think will have to happen to Jem? What is Sheriff Tate’s response?

30. What does Scout mean when she says it would be “sort of like shooting a mockingbird”?

Chapter 31

31. What makes Scout sad about Boo Radley?