

To Kill a Mockingbird Practice Quiz #1 (Chapters 1-7)

Name: _____

Multiple Choice: Underline the Correct Answer. If your answer is unclear, it is wrong.

- The school setting in the second chapter allows the author to
 - introduce the reader to the various families, as well as their peculiarities, in Maycomb county
 - show the general disrespect that children have for authority
 - blame the political system for the incidents which follow in the novel
 - denounce the segregation of blacks and whites
- Walter Cunningham surprises Scout in which of the following ways?
 - He failed to pass first grade due to his having to leave work on the farm
 - He pours molasses on his food
 - He discusses farming in a very mature way with Atticus
 - All of the above
- What does Jem tell Scout about the night they returned to get his pants?
 - Nathan Radley grabbed him by the neck and threatened to kill him if he ever stepped on his property again
 - He saw Boo Radley sitting on his back porch crying
 - In one of his pockets he found two soap carvings that look like them
 - They were folded and the tears had been crudely stitched up
- What activity do Dill, Scout, and Jem frequently like to play with respect to the Radley family?
 - They hide objects in the Radley yard and dare each other to go and get them.
 - They all pretend to be various members of the Radley family and act out the stabbing scene
 - They all climb the Radley's tree in order to look through the windows
 - They all run into the Radley yard and touch the house before fleeing
- The narrator is
 - Atticus
 - Jem
 - Scout
 - Dill
 - none of the above
- Superstition causes the children to be afraid of which family's house?
 - Radley
 - Harris
 - Robinson
 - Finch
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7. Why is Miss Caroline angry with Scout on her first day of school?

- she speaks without raising her hand
- she is a poor reader
- she forgot her lunch and refuses to borrow a quarter from the teacher
- she can already read and write
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8. When Jem and Dill start to exclude Scout from their activities, with whom does she spend more time?

- Miss Maudie
- Calpurnia
- Atticus
- Boo Radley

9. What two things does Miss Caroline tell Scout that Atticus is not to do anymore?

- lecture her about how bad the school system is
- teach her how to read or write
- let her walk to school by the Radley place
- give her candy to eat in class

10. How much time do the Ewell children spend in school?

- through college
- the first day of every school year
- none
- through the sixth grade

11. What excuse does Nathan Radley give the children for filling in the knothole with cement?

- The tree is dying and the cement will protect it
- He is trying to keep the squirrels out
- He doesn't want Boo Radley to leave anything in the tree
- Wait a minute: the knothole wasn't filled with cement!

12. What does Atticus suggest to Scout?

- She should go outside and play more often instead of listening to the radio
- Scout needs to improve her reading and writing skills
- She should bake some cookies and take them to Boo Radley
- In order to understand others better, she should jump into their skin to see things from their perspective.

13. What is the hiding place that Scout discovers on her way home from school?

- An old wooden chest at the Radley house
- A discarded coffin behind the cemetery
- A tree house in Scout's backyard
- A knothole in one of the trees at the Radley house

14. *To Kill a Mockingbird* takes place in what time period?

- Unknown
- 1960s
- 1950s
- 1930s
- 1850s

15. What happens to Scout in chapter four?

- Boo Radley comes out of his house and chases her down the street
- She is chased by a big dog and almost bitten
- She is pushed too fast in a tire and rolls into the Radley yard
- Scout falls out of the tree and breaks her arm

16. In chapter five, what does Atticus catch Jem, Dill, and Scout doing?

- They are trying to give Boo Radley a letter inviting him to come outside by using a fishing pole
- They are caught chasing Miss Caroline around school with a dead rat
- They are lighting firecrackers on the Radley's porch
- They are caught stealing melons from Miss Maudie's garden

17. In the "incident" of chapter five, how does Dill attempt to warn Jem and Scout that Atticus is approaching?

- They had a flashlight which they would use to send a series of short flashes of light to warn the others
- They used a bird whistle
- They would ring a silver dinner-bell
- They had walkie-talkies

18. Scout is unusual for a first grader because

- she can read and write
- she knows her times tables
- she is taller than all the other children
- she speaks a foreign language

19. How does Dill explain Jem's missing pants?

- A "white negro" took them off the clothesline
- The buckshot from Mr. Radley's shotgun ripped them off his body
- He lost them in a game of strip poker
- Jem let Dill borrow his pants and Miss Rachel is washing them

20. Which of the following is NOT one of the items found in the knothole of the oak tree?

- A ball of string
- A whole pack of gum
- A shark-tooth necklace
- Two figures carved in soap
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21. What do Jem, Dill, and Scout do that causes Mr. Radley to shoot at them?

- Jem accidentally hits the Radley house while practicing with his new gun
- He catches them stealing money that has been hidden in his tree
- They sneak into the Radley yard and try to peak into a window
- He catches them once again play-acting Boo Radley stabbing his father

22. How does Jem lose his pants?

- He loses them in a game of poker with Dill
- Somebody steals them from the clothesline in the backyard
- He took them off in order to sneak into the Radley yard
- Jem loses his pants when they become caught in the Radley gate

23. What agreement does Atticus make with Scout?

- He agrees to let her be home-schooled by Calpurnia until next year (the second grade)
- If she will agree to continue going to school, he will continue to read to her in the evenings
- He agrees to meet with Miss Caroline and tell her that Scout can continue to read if she wishes
- If she will be nice to Walter, he will give her a quarter every week

24. What does Scout find in the secret hiding place?

- A book of puzzles
- She didn't find anything
- Two pieces of chewing gum and then later two pennies
- A rabbits foot and then two dimes

25. Scout tells Miss Caroline that Walter has probably never seen _____ in his entire life.

- a comb
- three quarters
- a book
- a bathtub