**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 10**

1. **Explain why Scout is upset over Atticus being “so old”.** Scout is upset over the fact that Atticus acts so old because Atticus never gets to spend time with Scout.
2. **Atticus tells the children they’re not to kill mockingbirds because doing so is a sin. How does Miss Maudie explain Atticus’ reasoning to Scout?** Mockingbirds aren’t violent. They don’t go around eating people and killing people. All they do is make music, and they will sing their hearts out for us.
3. **Why does the sheriff ask Atticus to shoot Tim Johnson?** The Sheriff asks Atticus to shoot Tim Johnson because the sheriff’s aim is not good, and he misses, it will hit the Radley Place.
4. **What explanation does Miss Maudie offer for “Ol’ One-Shot” (Atticus) putting his gun down thirty years ago?** The explanation that Miss Maudie offers for Ol One-Shot putting down his gun thirty years ago is due to the unfair advantage that God gave him. He had noticed that God gave him an unfair advantage over living things.
5. **What does Jem tell Scout to do about their father’s shooting of the dog?** Jem tells Scout not to speak of their father’s shooting of a dog. To not say anything about it.
6. **It is a sin to kill a mockingbird. Explain why and how it relates to the novel so far.** It is a sin to kill a mockingbird because all they do is sing, and not do anything bad. This relates to the story because, an example of someone being a mockingbird is Boo Radley. He isn’t hurting anybody, but is just treated differently because he is acting like himself.
7. **Miss Maudie states that, “people in their right minds never take pride in their talents.” What does she mean?** When Miss Maudie says that, she means that people who are smart shouldn’t be too proud of what they can do. For instance, like how Atticus is such a modest man. He only does bad when asked to do it.