**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 11**

1. **What does Atticus do that causes Scout to say she felt he was the “bravest man who ever lived?”** Atticus was never rude to Mrs. Dubose and had always waved to her. I think this is what caused Scout to say that he was the bravest man who ever lived.
2. **What does Jem do to Mrs. Dubose’s camellia bushes and why?** Jem cuts off the top of Mrs. Dubose’s camellia bushes because Mrs. Dubose has been making fun of their father, Atticus. This made Jem irritated, so he cuts the top of her bushes.
3. **What does Mrs. Dubose want from Jem as payment for his “crime”?** Mrs. Dubose wants Jem to read to her everyday after school for two hours, as a payment for his crime.
4. **How does Atticus explain the term “n\*\*\*\*r-lover” to Scout?** Atticus explains the term to Scout by saying that it doesn’t really have a meaning. Then, Atticus speaks about how ignorant the world is.
5. **What change had occurred in Mrs. Dubose by the last week Scout and Jem want her home?** A change in Mrs. Dubose since last week when Scout and Jem last went to her home is that, Mrs. Dubose’s attitude is a bit nicer. Also, Mrs. Dubose doesn’t interrupt or correct Jem while he was reading anymore.
6. **How does Atticus explain “courage” to Jem?** Atticus explains courage to Jem by saying how a man with a gun isn’t being courageous, but it is continuing to fight and go on in your life after a bad situation.
7. **According to Atticus, a person’s reactions to others and to situations are his or her responsibility. If a person becomes angry, according to Atticus’ theory, who is to blame? Why?** According to Atticus’ theory, if a person becomes angry, then that person is to be blamed for it. This is because a person should learn to control their emotions and not be angry.
8. **Atticus states that Mrs. Dubose was the bravest person he ever knew. Why?** Atticus believes that Mrs. Dubose is the bravest person he ever knew because she learned not to be angry after people were insulting and abusing her. She always stood up for herself and never got all too angry. Also, even though Mrs. Dubose is dying, he never gave up on trying to break her habits.