**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapters 6 & 7**

1. **Why do Dill, Jem, and Scout run from the Radley Place?** Dill, Jem, and Scout run from the Radley Place because they weren’t supposed to be on the property at the time, and they saw a shadow of a man cross over them. Then, when they see that he isn’t there anymore, they run away. As they’re running away, they hear some gunshots.
2. **How does Jem explain his missing pants?** Jem says that they were playing strip-poker with Dill, and that Dill won Jem’s pants. They were playing strip-poker with matches.
3. **What, according to Scout, causes Jem and her to begin “to part company”?** According to Scout, the reason on why Jem and her begin to part company is because they were arguing on whether they should retrieve the pants from the Radley Place or not.
4. **Summarize Scout’s assessment of second grade.** Scout says that second grade is as bad as the first grade, but worse. The only thing good about second grade for Scout is that, Scout was able to stay as late as Jem.
5. **What does Jem finally tell Scout about his pants that he retrieved?** Jem told Scout about how his pants were neatly folded across the fence, like they were expecting him to come back.
6. **What do Jem and Scout realize about the soap figures they find in the knot-hole?** Jem and Scout realize that the soap figures in their knot-hole were children. More specifically, it was them. There were two soap figures, one was a boy had a shock of soapy hair and one was a girl with bangs. They realized that these soap figures were them.
7. **When Jem and Scout find the knot-hole filled with cement, what explanation does Nathan Radley give?** Mr. Radley told Jem and Scout that cement is used when a tree is sick. He said that the tree was dying, you’re supposed to put cement in the tree.
8. **What does Atticus tell Jem about the tree?** Atticus tells Jem that the tree isn’t sick because it has green leaves, and there weren’t any brown patches. Then, Atticus said that Mr. Radley knows more about trees than they do after Jem said that Mr. Radley said that the tree was dying.
9. **Jem risks his life by going back for his pants so that Atticus won’t find out what they had done, which, as he admits to Scout, was something they shouldn’t have done. Scout doesn’t understand Jem’s behavior. Explain Jem’s behavior. What would you have done if you were Jem?** I believe that Jem risks his life for his pants so Atticus doesn’t find out what they have done because, Jem doesn’t want to be punished by Atticus. If I was in Jem’s situation, I would just get the pants back and then tell Atticus about the whole situation.
10. **The evening after Jem and Scout find the knot-hole filled with cement, Scout discovers that Jem, who had ordered her not to cry, had been crying himself. Why is Jem upset?** I think Jem is upset because the knot-hole was the only way to communicate with Boo Radley. Now that it is patched up, they cannot communicate with Boo Radley anymore.