**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 8**

1. **Describe how Jem constructs his snowman. What compliment does Atticus pay Jem?** Jem makes his snowman out of mud and snow. The compliment that Atticus makes is how Jem thinks outside the box. Jem is able to always have an idea.
2. **What does Atticus criticize Jem for?** Atticus criticizes Jem for making characters of other people.
3. **Why does Atticus wake the children in the middle of the night?** Atticus wakes the children in the middle of the night because there was a fire at Miss Maudie’s house.
4. **What is Scout wearing? How does Atticus explain the presence of what Scout is wearing?** Scott is wearing a blanket. Atticus claims that Boo Radley put it on her while she was distracted looking at the fire.
5. **Describe Scout’s reaction to the news she receives?** Scout’s stomach turns into water, and she nearly throws up as a reaction to the news she receives.
6. **What is Miss Maudie’s reaction to the loss of her house?** Miss Maudie was glad that her old house barn burnt down. Miss Maudie had always thought of burning it down. She had always wanted a smaller house.
7. **According to Atticus, Boo Radley placed the blanket on Scout’s shoulders. Recall the “crimes” the townspeople have attributed to Boo. How can it be explained that Boo shows such acts of kindness toward Scout, but also committed all the “crimes” the townspeople talk of?** I believe all of these crimes are just rumors and they are just being directed and attributed towards Boo. It is also because everything is always blamed on Boo. Boo is a nice person, but everyone makes it so bad information about Boo spreads around.
8. **Miss Maudie’s home has been destroyed, and her only concern was about the danger the fire created for the neighborhood. What does Miss Maudie’s attitude reveal about her character?** Miss Maudie’s attitude reveals that she is very patient, calm, and caring. She worries about the fire spreading to her neighborhood, being selfless and not worrying about personal belongings. She cares about others before herself.