**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 9**

1. **Why does Scout forget what Atticus told her about fighting?** Scout forgets what Atticus told her about the fighting because Cecil Jacobs announced that her dad, who is Atticus, had defended some African Americans.
2. **What does Atticus tell Scout to do when she hears “ugly talk” at school?** Atticus tells Scout to hold your head high and your fists down. This means to not be violent, but to instead listen.
3. **What comparison does Scout use to describe her relationship with Aunt Alexandra?** Scout compares her relationship with Aunt Alexandra with Mount Everest. When Scout was young, her aunt was cold and there.
4. **Explain Scout’s reasoning regarding her “cussing fluently”.** If Atticus thought that Scout learned cuss words at school, then he wouldn’t let her go to school.
5. **Why does Scout fight Francis?** Scout fights Francis because Francis had called Atticus an n-word lover.
6. **What does Scout make her Uncle Jack promise not to tell Atticus the truth about?** Scout makes her Uncle Jack promise not to tell Atticus that she fought Francis for calling Atticus names.
7. **What does Atticus tell Jack he hopes Jem and Scout will do instead of listening to the town?** Atticus tells Jack that he hopes Jem and Scout will come to him for answers, instead of going to the townspeople for answers.
8. **Atticus tells Scout to try fighting with her head for a change instead of using her fists. Why is this fighting always more effective than physical fighting?** I believe using intelligence and reasoning as a weapon is always more effective than physical fighting because you can try to convince the other person to be on your side, or you may agree with the person you are fighting with. Physical fights don’t solve the problem. If anything, they make the situation worse.
9. **Explain what Maycomb’s disease is.** Maycomb’s disease is the racism. Atticus is referring to how racist the town is.