**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 13 & 14**

1. **How does Atticus explain Aunt Alexandra’s arrival?** Atticus says that he has to help with the children since he has to be away for a while. Aunt Alexandria is just doing Atticus a favor since he will not be home all day and he’s going to be busy with the trial.
2. **What does Aunt Alexandra request that Atticus try to convey to the children?** Aunt Alexandra requests Atticus that she should teach the children about family heritage. Aunt Alexandra wants the children to have pride in being a Finch.
3. **Explain why Scout cries.** Scout cries because she thinks that Atticus has changed. Scout thinks Aunt Alexandria changed the way Atticus had spoke to Scout and Jem.
4. **What does Atticus tell the children to do concerning the conversation about family pride?** Atticus tells the children to act like it didn’t happen. He just told them to forget about the conversation about family pride.
5. **How does Atticus respond to Alexandra’s suggestion that they don’t need Cal anymore?** Atticus responds to Alexandra’s suggestion that they don’t need Cal anymore by saying that Cal will not leave the house until she wants to leave. Scout and Jem loved her and saw Cal as a mother figure.
6. **What does Scout say she has never heard of or seen before, and how does it make her feel?** Scout says she has never seen or heard people argue with Atticus before. So, it made her uncomfortable to see him talk back and argue.
7. **How does Atticus deal with Scout’s question about whether she has to mind Jem?** Atticus deals with Scout’s question about whether she has to mind Jem through saying that since Jem is older, she has to listen to him.
8. **How does Atticus deal with finding Dill in Scout’s room?** Atticus was very calm when he found Dill in Scout’s room. Atticus even offered Dill some food and told him to call his aunt.
9. **What question does Scout ask Dill about Boo Radley? What is Dill’s response?** Scout asks Dill about his opinion on why he thinks Boo Radley hasn’t ran away yet. Dill responds by saying that Dill might not have anywhere to run to.
10. **When Atticus returns from Montgomery, Scout asks if he brought her a book. What does her request indicate about her and Atticus’ influence on her?** Scout’s request indicates that she wants to become educated. Normally, children would ask for toys and candy, but she asked for a book. Atticus has had a big impact on Scout because Atticus has always enjoyed reading books.
11. **Aunt Alexandra believes gentle breeding is a result of heredity: that some people are better than others simply because of the families they come from. Scout on the other hand believes that, “Fine folks were people who did the best they could with the sense they had.” Who do you feel is right and why?** I think it depends on who the person hangs out with in their life. People can have a nice family, but still be bad, or be super nice like their family. I feel Scout is right because if people had sense, they would use that sense to live a good life.
12. **Describe how Dill’s parents treat him. What point is Dill trying to make? Is this behavior typical of many parents? Why do parents treat their children this way?** Dill’s parents spoil him and buys him whatever he wants. The point that Dill is trying to make is that, he thinks that they aren’t interested in him. This behavior is not typical of many parents because parents would like to spend time with their children, not just buy them things to accommodate for their time and love. Parents would treat their children in Dill’s situation because they don’t really care about their child, but they just don’t want their kid to pester them about a product over and over again, so they buy the product for them to get them to be quiet.