**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 16**

1. **What connection does Scout make that causes her to cry?** The connection that Scout does that causes her to cry is the thought that Atticus may get hurt.
2. **What subtle change does Scout notice in Atticus?** The subtle change that Scout notices that Atticus speaks more abrupt, although never losing his patience. He talked back towards Aunt Alexandria because she is always attacking Atticus’ method of parentings.
3. **How does Atticus explain “mobs” to the children?** Atticus explains to Scout that a mob is a group of ordinary people. Then, Atticus says Jem he’ll understand someday.
4. **What is Miss Maudie’s reaction to everyone wanting to go to the trial?** Miss Maudie does not want to go to the trial because she thinks it is very disturbing to watch Tom Robinson fight. She does not think it was moral to watch that, and she sympathizes with Tom Robinson.
5. **Why does Jem say the “mixed children” are sad?** Jem says that mixed children are sad because they do not really belong anywhere. Since they are half-white and half-black, they aren’t accepted in most places in the city.
6. **What news does Scout overhear about Atticus’ defending Tom Robinson? Does it give her any comfort?** Scout hear a bunch of rumors about the situation. The town knew that it was knew the job was upon Atticus to do. This gives Scout some comfort that the town is cheering Atticus.
7. **With whom do the children sit in the courtroom?** The children sit in the “colored” section. They sit next to Reverend Sykes.
8. **Atticus comments it took an eight-year-old, Scout, to bring the lynch mob to its senses. What can children do that sometimes adults can’t? Explain.** Atticus means that kids have this innocence to them that makes you feel bad for them when you do something bad towards them, and then you would feel pity for them.