**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 17 & 18**

1. **What question does Atticus ask the sheriff three times?** Atticus asks the sheriff if anyone has called a doctor yet three times.
2. **What does Atticus lead Sheriff Tate to remember about Mayella Ewell’s black eye?** Atticus makes the sheriff remember that Mayella Ewell’s black eye was her right eye.
3. **Explain why Jem tells Reverend Sykes that it’s okay for Scout to stay in the courtroom?** Jem tells Reverend Sykes that it is okay for Scout to stay in the courtroom because Scout doesn’t really understand what is going on. She is too young to understand.
4. **What excuse does Mr. Ewell give for not running after Tom Robinson?** The excuse that Mr. Ewell gives for not running after Tom Robinson is that he was too distracted by Mayella’s condition.
5. **Explain what Atticus is attempting to show by asking Mr. Ewell to write something.** Atticus is attempting to show that Mr. Ewell is left-handed, and since Mayella Ewell was hit on her right side, Atticus thinks that it could have been Mr. Ewell to hit Mayella, instead of Tom Robinson. Since if you were left-handed, it would be easier to hit the right side of someone’s face.
6. **Why does Mayella think Atticus is mocking her?** Mayella thinks Atticus is mocking her because Atticus is calling her by ma’am and Miss Mayella.
7. **What is Mayella’s response to Atticus’ question about her having friends?** Mayella says that she doesn’t have any friends when Atticus asked if she had friends.
8. **Explain why Atticus has Tom Robinson stand up.** Atticus makes Tom Robinson stand up to show that one of Tom Robinson’s arms is damaged and useless.
9. **What does Scout say about the difference between Mr. Ewell and his neighbors? Are either better than the others?** Scout says that the difference between Mr. Ewell and his neighbors is that his neighbors are colored. Many of his neighbors are better than Mr. Ewell himself.
10. **When Atticus asks Mayella if she loves her father, her response is, “Love him, whatcha mean?” Considering the life Mayella leads, does she have any idea what any kind of love is? Explain.** No, I do not think she has any idea what any kind of love is since she said she didn’t have friends, a partner or a mom to show love to. Mr. Ewell is probably abusing her a lot too.