**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapters 19 & 20**

1. **According to Tom, where had Mayella’s brothers and sisters gone on the evening in question?** Tom had said that Mayella told him that she sent her siblings to get ice cream.
2. **Identify what Tom says Mayella did to him while he was standing on the chair, after he got off the chair, and afterwards.** First, when Tom was standing on the chair, Mayella had jumped on him. Then, when he got off of the chair, Mayella hugged his waist and then kissed him.
3. **When Atticus asks Tom why he ran, what is his reply?** When Atticus asks Tom why he ran, Tom’s reply was because he was scared.
4. **What mistake does Tom make when Mr. Gilmer is asking him to explain why he helped Mayella?** The mistake that Tom makes when Mr. Gilmer is asking him to explain why he helped Mayella was when he said he felt sorry for her.
5. **What explanation does Dill give Scout for his becoming sick?** The explanation that Dill gives for him becoming sick was because he is sick from Mr. Gilmer’s treatment towards Tom Robinson.
6. **How does Mr. Raymond explain his pretense about drinking?** Mt. Raymond explains his pretense about drinking because it gives people a real reason to not like him when he is drunk.
7. **When Scout and Dill return to the courtroom, what prediction does Jem make?** The prediction that Jem makes when Scout and Dill is that, Atticus will win the trial.
8. **What, according to Atticus, is the one thing in the country that truly makes everyone equal?** Atticus says that the one thing in the country that truly makes everyone equal are courts. Courts are the thing that makes everyone equal.
9. **Tom, stating he felt sorry for Mayella Ewell, realizes he made a mistake. Why was this a mistake? Explain.** Tom saying that he felt sorry for Mayella Ewell was a mistake because blacks weren’t supposed to say sorry to a white person because it would indicate that Tom put himself above her. In that time, all whites were superior to blacks no matter what, and so Tom Robinson doing this was a big mistake.
10. **Scout accuses Mr. Raymond of being dishonest by pretending to drink when he doesn’t. His response is that it isn’t honest but “it’s mighty helpful to folks.” Comment on what this means.** This means that people has already disliked Mr. Raymond his entire life. He says that pretending being an alcoholic helps the people who already not like him. This labels Mr. Raymond as an alcoholic and gives the people a real reason to dislike him.