**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapter 23**

1. **What had Atticus told Jem about having a gun around?** Atticus told Jem that owning a gun is just a giving people an okay sign to shoot you. It is giving people the power to shoot you.
2. **What is Atticus’ conclusion about Bob Ewell’s behavior that morning?** Atticus’ conclusion to Bob Ewell’s behavior that morning was that Ewell was mad. Ewell had put the anger out on himself rather than the children.
3. **Explain what will happen to Tom if he loses his appeal?** Tom Robinson will be sentenced to death if he loses his appeal.
4. **When Jem suggests juries should be done away with, what does Atticus suggest should be done instead?** Atticus believes that the law should be changed so judges can alter sentences in capital offenses.
5. **How does Atticus explain the fact that women can’t serve on juries in Alabama?** Atticus says that women cannot serve on juries to protect them from cases such as Tom Robinson.
6. **How does Atticus explain his decision to have allowed Mr. Cunningham to sit on the jury?** Mr. Cunningham is poor and deserves respect. Atticus will stand up for him and exchange respect. This may change the results of the entire case.
7. **What is Aunt Alexandra’s decision about Walter Cunningham? What is her reasoning?** Aunt Alexandria says that Walter is not allowed to come to her house. This is because their family is trash.
8. **What conclusion does Jem come to about Boo Radley?** The conclusion that Jem comes about Boo Radley is that he wants to stay inside of his house. But no one is making Boo Radley stay inside of his house.
9. **Atticus had told Jem that having a gun around was an “invitation to somebody to shoot you.” Is this true?** Yes, this is true because having a gun around just gave people the power to shoot you since you have the ability to shoot someone else. s