**To Kill a Mockingbird**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**Chapters 25, 26 & 27**

1. **What is Scout’s assessment of Jem’s changed behavior after he won’t let her kill the roly-poly?** Scout notices that Jem is becoming more like a girl every day. Scout thinks Jem has become soft and became silly like a girl.
2. **Why is Maycomb only interested in the news about Tom’s death for two days?** Maycomb was only interesting on the news for two days because innocent black man deaths are very common. His case showed the racism in Maycomb.
3. **What does Mr. Underwood say in his editorial?** Mr. Underwood says that it is a sin to kill cripples in his editorial.
4. **What conclusion does Scout come to about Tom after reading Mr. Underwood’s article?** The conclusion that Scout comes to about Tom after reading Mr. Underwood’s article is that, Tom Robinson would’ve never had a chance to survive after being accused in a crime.
5. **What comment had Bob Ewell made about Tom’s death?** The comment that Bob Ewell said about Tom Robinson’s death was that, one will go down and about to more go to.
6. **What does Scout fantasize about?** Scout fantasizes about meeting Boo Radley.
7. **What historical figure does Miss Gates condemn? Why does her condemnation confuse Scout?** Miss Gates condemns Adolf Hitler. Her condemnation confuses Scout because Miss Gates seemed very satisfied about what happened to Tom Robinson but doesn’t like when people show hatred towards Jews.
8. **Why does Bob Ewell lose his WPA job? Whom does he blame?** Bob loses his WPA job for being lazy. Then, Bob Ewell blames Atticus for him losing his job.
9. **Why does Judge Taylor have a shotgun in his lap when his wife comes home from church?** Judge Taylor has a shotgun because somebody broke into her house.
10. **Why was Helen Robinson walking a mile out of her way to get her job?** Helen Robinson walks a mile out of her way to get to her job because the Ewells would constantly bully her when passing them.
11. **Describe how Atticus explains Bob Ewell’s dislike of John Taylor.** Atticus explains to Judge Taylor that made Bob Ewell to look like a fool.
12. **What are the discomforts of Scout’s “ham” costume she is to wear in the Halloween pageant?** The discomforts of Scout’s ham costume was that it was very tight, she couldn’t get out of the costume by herself, and she could not itch while inside the costume.
13. **The citizens of Maycomb attribute Tom’s death to his being a typical “Negro”. Although Tom appeared to be a good, clean living man, it was according to the townspeople, only a “veneer,” covering for his *true* self. Maycomb’s indictment of Tom, and blacks as a whole, is a generalization. Is any group or individual ever truly typical? Explain.** There are not any individuals or groups who are “typical” since everybody is different and special in their own way.
14. **Mr. Underwood compares Tom’s death “to the senseless slaughter of songbirds by hunters and children.” How was what Mr. Underwood states like what Atticus and Miss Maudie said about killing mockingbirds?** Mr. Underwood compares killing mockingbirds is a sin because they have done no harm to anyone, and they just want to sing.