

Answer the following questions in complete, detailed sentences. Where appropriate, provide evidence from the novel to support your answers.

1. Compare the reactions of Miss Maudie and the other ladies when Scout says she is wearing her “britches” under her dress.
2. What is your opinion of the Maycomb ladies, as depicted in this chapter?
3. Explain briefly how Tom was killed. What is Atticus’ explanation for Tom’s attempted escape? Do you agree with Atticus?
4. How, in this chapter, do we see Aunt Alexandra in a new light?
5. Comment on the idea that Tom Robinson’s death was “typical”.
6. Explain the contrast Scout draws between the court where Tom was tried and the “secret courts of men’s hearts”. In what way are hearts like courts?
7. In her lesson on Hitler, Miss Gates says that “we (the American people) don’t believe in persecuting anyone”. Explain the complete irony of this statement. Comment on Scout’s question and Jem’s reaction regarding their conversation on Hitler.

