

*Answer the following questions to the best of your abilities. Provide sufficient explanations to explain your understanding of the novel.*

1. Why does Scout take the time to describe Atticus as being different than other fathers? What is the purpose of this section?
2. Explain the meaning of the important quote “it is a sin to kill a mockingbird”. How does this connect to the rest of the novel?
3. How do the events with the “mad dog” reinforce Atticus’ character traits and personality?
4. Suggest why the author ended the chapter with a focus on Atticus and his shooting abilities. How does this contrast Scout’s impressions of her father and what might the author have intended by this difference of opinion?
5. Describe the subject matter that Mrs. Dubose includes in her taunts towards Jem and Scout.
6. Why did Harper Lee include Mrs. Dubose’s character? What theme is connected with her actions and the relationship she develops with Scout and Jem?
7. Explain in your own words what Atticus thinks of insults like “nigger-lover”. In your opinion, is he correct?
8. Explain why Harper Lee chooses to end the first part of the novel with Mrs. Dubose and the lessons the children learn through her.
9. Summarize Scout’s development in terms of what she has learned throughout the events of Part One.