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*To Kill a Mockingbird* Study Guide: Chapters 20-27

Mrs. Howard

Chapter 20:

1. What do Scout and Dill learn about Mr. Dolphus Raymond when they talk to him outside the courtroom?
2. Why does Atticus remove his coat and unbutton his collar and vest during his final speech to the jury?

Chapter 21:

1. Who are Scout and Jem surprised to see at the trial? What business does this person have with the court?
2. While waiting for the verdict, Scout recalls the night last winter when Atticus shot the mad dog. How does this foreshadow the verdict? Why does she remember that scene at this particular time?

Chapter 22:

1. How does Atticus react to the verdict?

2. How does Jem react?
3. How does Aunt Alexandra react?
4. What is the significance of Atticus' answer, "I don't know, but they did it. They've done it before and they did it tonight and they'll do it again and when they do it...seems that only children weep."
5. Atticus will appeal Tom's case. What does this mean?
6. What is Atticus' reaction when Aunt Alexandra suggests that the children should never have been allowed in court?
7. What do the blacks of the community do for Atticus?
8. What clues show that prejudice in Maycomb is breaking down?
9. What does Bob Ewell do later to Atticus?

## Chapter 23:

1. What does Atticus mean when he says that he will “gladly take” Bob Ewell’s spitting insults and threats?
2. When Atticus inquires, “*What on earth could Ewell do to me, Sister?*” Aunt Alexandra replies, “*Something **furtive**,...You can count on that.*”  
What is the literary device being used and what is the meaning of the word *furtive*?
3. What faults do Atticus and Jem find with the jury system?
4. What secret does Jem share with Scout?
5. What does Aunt Alexandra forbid Scout from doing?
6. What four kinds of people do the children divide the inhabitants of Maycomb into? What determines these classes?
7. Explain Jem’s statement, “I’m beginning to understand why Boo Radley’s stayed shut in the house all this time...”

8. What does Scout say before going to sleep that night? Is this a reflection of Atticus' influence?

#### Chapter 24:

1. Explain the experience of Scout in a Missionary Society.
2. How is this group hypocritical?
3. What news does Atticus have concerning Tom Robinson?
4. What is revealed about Aunt Alexandra's character when she reacts to the news of Tom Robinson's death?

#### Chapter 25:

1. What were some of the reactions of Tom's death?
2. Mr. Underwood's editorial compares Tom Robinson's death to "the senseless slaughter of songbirds by hunters and children." This phrase is an example of what literary device?

3. What was Bob Ewell's remark?
4. What is Atticus' explanation for Ewell's harboring a grudge against him?

Chapter 26:

1. What was Miss Gates' opinion of the Tom Robinson verdict?
2. What is the significance of Miss Gates' strong condemnation of Hitler?
3. "*Atticus was right, but the events of the summer hung over us like smoke in a closed room.*" What literary device is used?

Chapter 27:

1. What suspicious events occur in Maycomb that Bob Ewell seems to be involved with?
2. How does Scout plan to go on stage in the Halloween pageant?

