*To Kill a Mockingbird* (Chapters 13-15): Before Tom Robinson is tried in the court

Chapter 13: Aunt Alexandra entertains Maycomb’s ladies

Chapter 14: Dill runs away from home

Chapter 15: The Old Sarum mob tries to lynch Tom—Scout unwittingly intervenes

1) What does Harper Lee mean when she observes Maycomb “grew inward” (149)? You might want to reread pages 147-9 carefully.

2) A proud Southerner who we may safely characterize as a racist, Mr. underwood points a shotgun at the local Ku Klux Klan in defense of Atticus. What do you think has compelled this racist to defend Atticus and Tom Robinson?

3) Mr. Underwood, a proud Southerner—one we can safely characterize as a racist—covers Atticus with a shotgun on that critical night when the local Ku Klux Klan confronts Atticus in front of the courthouse. What do you think has compelled a racist to protect Atticus and Tom Robinson?

4) What does Harper Lee mean when she observes Maycomb “grew inward” (149)? You might want to reread pages 147-9 carefully.

5) Comment on Atticus's explanation of rape.

6) Why does Alexandra think Atticus should dismiss Calpurnia? How does Atticus respond to the suggestion?

7) Why is Scout pleased when Jem fights her back? Why is she less pleased when he tells Atticus about Dill?

8) What do we learn from Dill's account of his running away?

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| Vocabulary  | Definition  | Sample sentence  |
| Tactful |  |  |
| Formidable |  |  |
| Prerogative |  |  |
| Morbid |  |  |
| Flighty |  |  |
| Hereditary |  |  |
| Inflection |  |  |
| Elusive |  |  |
| Curtness |  |  |
| Carnal |  |  |
| Resilient |  |  |
| Reverent |  |  |
| Placid |  |  |
| Acquiescence |  |  |
| Burly |  |  |
| Uncouth |  |  |
| Idiocy |  |  |
| Impassive |  |  |
| Elucidate |  |  |
| Unobtrusive |  |  |
| Eccentricity |  |  |
| Connivance |  |  |