

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. According to what Scout and Jem know, all of the following are true about Arthur “Boo” Radley *except*
 - A. Arthur Radley died, and his brother buried him in the basement.
 - B. Arthur Radley got in trouble with the law when he was a boy.
 - C. Arthur Radley hasn’t been seen in public for many, many years.
 - D. Arthur Radley stabbed his father with a pair of scissors.
2. Calpurnia makes Scout eat her lunch in the kitchen because
 - A. Atticus prefers to have only men at the table when guests are present.
 - B. she embarrassed Walter Cunningham by making fun of his table manners.
 - C. she kept talking at the table with her mouth full.
 - D. she spilled maple syrup all over her dress, and Calpurnia had to wash it again.
3. In the phrase “...Jem no longer felt the necessity of *ascertaining* the hour every five minutes” (61,) the word *ascertaining* most closely means:
 - A. asking.
 - B. being aggressive.
 - C. entertaining.
 - D. finding out.
4. In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. first person.
 - B. third person limited omniscient.
 - C. third person objective.
 - D. third person omniscient.
5. Miss Caroline punishes Scout on the first day of school because
 - A. Scout calls Miss Caroline a no-good Yankee-sympathizing coward.
 - B. Scout puts a mouse in the teacher’s desk.
 - C. Scout refuses to go by her given name, Jean Louise.
 - D. Scout tells Miss Caroline she’s embarrassing Walter Cunningham.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Jem and Scout meet Dill, who is spending his summer in Maycomb.
 2. Miss Maudie's house burns down.
 3. Mr. Nathan Radley shoots at the kids when they try to peek in his window.
 4. Scout starts the first grade.
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B. 1, 4, 3, 2
C. 2, 4, 3, 1
D. 4, 1, 3, 2
7. The sentence "Jem's white shirt-tail dipped and bobbed like a small ghost dancing away to escape the coming morning" (57) is an example of which literary device?
- A. External conflict
B. Hyperbole
C. Metaphor
D. Simile
8. The setting of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is
- A. Finch's Landing, Alabama, in the 1960s.
B. Maycomb, Alabama, in the 1930s.
C. Maycomb, Alabama, in the 1960s.
D. Meridian, Mississippi, in the 1930s.
9. The word *evasion* in the sentence "Jem's *evasion* told me our game was a secret, so I kept quiet" (40) most closely means:
- A. arguing with your parents.
B. avoiding a question.
C. playing a game.
D. leaving somewhere quickly.
10. Who is the narrator of *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
- A. Arthur (Boo) Radley
B. Atticus Finch
C. Jean Louise (Scout) Finch
D. Jem Finch

Week 2 Assessment

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1. “You know what’s going to happen as well as I do, Jack, and I hope and pray I can get Jem and Scout through it without bitterness, and most of all, without catching Maycomb’s usual disease” (88.)

In the above sentence, what does Atticus mean by “Maycomb’s usual disease?”

- A. chicken pox.
 - B. rabies.
 - C. racism.
 - D. violence.
2. At the beginning of Chapter 9, Scout wants to beat up Cecil Jacobs because
- A. Cecil called Atticus a morphodite.
 - B. Cecil made fun of Scout and Dill’s relationship.
 - C. Cecil said that Atticus defends niggers.
 - D. Cecil told everyone that Scout was his girlfriend.
3. Atticus believes that Mrs. Dubose was the bravest person he every knew because
- A. “courage is a man with a gun in his hand.”
 - B. “she died beholden to nothing and nobody.”
 - C. “she had her own views about things.”
 - D. “she was a great lady.”
4. Atticus tells his children it is a sin to kill a mockingbird because
- A. killing any living thing is a sin – that’s why the Finches are vegetarians.
 - B. mockingbirds are good luck, and killing them brings bad luck.
 - C. mockingbirds are the spirits of children come back to earth.
 - D. mockingbirds do not hurt anyone, and only provide beautiful music for people to enjoy.
5. In the sentence “Aunt Alexandra’s vision of my *deportment* involved playing with small stoves, tea sets, and wearing the Add-A-Pearl necklace she gave me when I was born” (81,) the word *deportment* most closely means
- A. behavior.
 - B. childhood.
 - C. degeneration.
 - D. department.

6. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. A lynch mob shows up at the courthouse to get Tom Robinson.
2. Atticus shoots a rabid dog in the street.
3. Aunt Alexandra comes to live with the Finch family.
4. Calpurnia takes Jem and Scout to church with her.
5. Scout beats up Francis for insulting Atticus.

- A. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
- B. 2, 5, 4, 3, 1
- C. 5, 1, 3, 4, 2
- D. 5, 2, 4, 3, 1

7. The word *antagonized* in the sentence “Of course Jem antagonized me sometimes until I could kill him” (104,) most closely means

- A. ignored.
- B. irritated and angered.
- C. loved and respected.
- D. taunted and made fun of.

8. When Atticus says “the summer’s going to be a hot one” (128,) he means

- A. he is planning to start dating for the first time since his wife’s death.
- B. people in town might be angry with him, and their tempers will be hot.
- C. the air conditioning in the Finch house is broken, and he can’t afford to repair it.
- D. the temperature will often be above 100° Fahrenheit.

9. When the author writes “The internal arrangements of the Finch house were indicative of Simon’s guilelessness and the absolute trust with which he regarded his offspring” (80,) she really means

- A. Simon Finch did not trust his daughters at all.
- B. Simon Finch loved all of his children equally.
- C. Simon Finch was a fool who let his kids do anything they wanted.
- D. Simon Finch was full of guilt, and spoiled his children as a result.

10. Why is Aunt Alexandra upset with Atticus?

- A. She believes that he should do more to defend Tom Robinson.
- B. She is convinced that Tom Robinson is guilty, and Atticus should let the lynch mob hang him.
- C. She thinks he is damaging their family’s reputation by defending Tom Robinson.
- D. She wants him to marry Calpurnia, so the children have a mother.

Week 3 Assessment

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1. According to Tom Robinson, all of the following happened on the day that Mayella Ewell was attacked *except*
 - A. he and Mayella had consensual sexual intercourse.
 - B. her father saw Mayella with Tom, and called her a goddamn whore.
 - C. Mayella asked Tom to come into the house, and surprised him with a kiss.
 - D. she saved up nickels for her little brothers and sisters so she could be alone with Tom.
2. During the trial, why do Scout, Jem, and Dill sit in the colored balcony with the African American spectators?
 - A. Children are not allowed in the courtroom, so they sit upstairs to hide from Atticus.
 - B. The courtroom is too crowded for them to sit anywhere else.
 - C. They sit there because their father is defending a black man.
 - D. They're sitting with Calpurnia, who is only allowed to sit in the balcony.
3. In the sentence "Judge Taylor told the report to expunge anything he happened to have written down after Mr. Finch if you were a nigger like me you'd be scared too, and told the jury to *disregard* the interruption (196,) the word *disregard* most closely means
 - A. be angry with.
 - B. enjoy.
 - C. ignore.
 - D. not respect.
4. On the witness stand, Mayella Ewell thinks Atticus is making fun of her because
 - A. Atticus calls her "ma'am" and "Miss Mayella."
 - B. Atticus implies that she likes to hang out with black people.
 - C. Atticus keeps laughing during her testimony.
 - D. Atticus uses a lot of big words she doesn't understand.
5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Calpurnia shows up at the courthouse, frantic because the children are missing.
 2. Jem, Dill, and Scout go the courthouse to watch the trial.
 3. Mr. Ewell testifies that Tom Robinson raped and beat his daughter, Mayella.
 4. The black spectators stand up out of respect for Atticus.
 5. Tom Robinson testifies that he did not rape Mayella Ewell.
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6. Scout is sure the jury has found Tom Robinson guilty when
- A. Atticus tells her they have lost the case.
 - B. the Judge reads the verdict of the jury.
 - C. they deliberate past eleven o'clock at night.
 - D. they return, and none of the jurors look at Tom.
7. The mood of Maycomb on the morning of Tom Robinson's trial is best described as
- A. angry, like a riot.
 - B. celebratory, like a holiday.
 - C. mournful, like a funeral.
 - D. serious, like a church service.
8. The word *perpetual* in the phrase "the younger children had *perpetual* colds and suffered from chronic ground-itch" (183) most closely means
- A. continuing all the time.
 - B. not serious.
 - C. perfect.
 - D. very bad.
9. Tom Robinson could not have given Mayella Ewell a black eye on her right eye because
- A. he never met Mayella before seeing her in the courtroom.
 - B. he was actually at work on the day Mayella was attacked.
 - C. Tom cannot use his left hand because an accident damaged his left arm.
 - D. Tom is much shorter than Mayella, and could not have reached her eye.
10. When an old man at the courthouse says "'Yeah, but Atticus aims to defend him. That's what I don't like about it'" (163,) he means
- A. Atticus should be Tom Robinson's attorney, but not work too hard to win the case.
 - B. Atticus should have told the judge he didn't want Tom Robinson's case.
 - C. that he doesn't like Atticus Finch, and never has.
 - D. that since Tom is guilty, Atticus should have told Robinson to plead guilty.

Final Assessment

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1. Why were Aunt Alexandra, Miss Maudie, and Scout upset with the ladies at the missionary circle tea?
 - A. Too late, they applauded Atticus for defending Tom Robinson, but they didn't help at all during the trial.
 - B. They showed more compassion for people in Africa than for African Americans in Maycomb.
 - C. They didn't like Calpurnia's cooking.
 - D. They criticized Scout too much for her boyish ways.
2. Who is the narrator of *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
 - A. Jem Finch
 - B. Jean Louise (Scout) Finch
 - C. Atticus Finch
 - D. Arthur (Boo) Radley
3. Who are the symbolic "mockingbirds" in *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
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7. The word *credibility* in the sentence “I destroyed his last shred of *credibility* at that trial, if he had any to begin with” (218) most closely means
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13. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. Someone tries to break into Judge Taylor's house.
2. Scout plays a ham in the Halloween pageant.
3. Scout meets Boo Radley.
4. Jem's arm is broken by an invisible attacker.
5. Bob Ewell threatens Atticus.

- A. 1, 5, 2, 3, 4
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14. On the way home from the Halloween fair, Scout and Jem are saved by

- A. Heck Tate.
- B. Boo Radley.
- C. Bob Ewell.
- D. Atticus.

15. Near the end of the novel, Jem and Scout are attacked by
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 - B. Boo Radley.
 - C. Bob Ewell.
 - D. a rabid dog.
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18. In the phrase "...you'll learn that the Jews have been *persecuted* since the beginning of history" (245,) the word *persecuted* most closely means
- A. promised and kept safe.
 - B. loved and protected.
 - C. chased and laughed at.
 - D. harassed or oppressed.
19. In his editorial, Mr. Underwood says that
- A. Tom was given a fair trial, and people should get over it and talk about something else.
 - B. Tom got what he deserved, and it will prevent other black people from committing crimes.
 - C. Killing Tom was like killing a mockingbird, and it was a sin to kill a cripple.
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22. Atticus and Mr. Tate argue about how to report Bob Ewell's death; how did he really die?
- A. Mr. Tate stabbed him when he was trying to arrest him.
 - B. Jem Finch stabbed him.
 - C. Ewell tripped and fell on his own knife.
 - D. Boo Radley stabbed him.
23. After his trial, what happened to Tom Robinson?
- A. He won his case on appeal, and lived a long life with his wife and children.
 - B. He was killed by the guards when he tried to escape.
 - C. He stayed in prison until he was released on parole for good behavior.
 - D. He received the death penalty, died in the electric chair.
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Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. D
6. D
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C

Week 2 Assessment

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. C

Week 3 Assessment

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. D
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. A

Final Assessment

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. D
6. D
7. C
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12. A
13. B
14. B
15. C
16. D
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22. D
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