

To Kill A Mockingbird Questions: Chapters 17, 18, and 19

Answer using complete sentences.

17

1. What does Atticus spend much of his time asking Mr. Tate?
2. Where do the Ewells live, and what does this say about their social position in Maycomb county?
3. Describe where the “black community” lives. How is this different from where the Ewells live?
4. What is Mr. Ewell’s version of what happened?
5. Why does Atticus want Bob Ewell to write his name?

18

1. What is Mayella’s version of what happened? Which part of her testimony contradicts that of her father’s?
2. Why does Mayella think that Atticus is mocking her?

3. Describe the way Tom Robinson looks as he stands up. What is unusual about his arm? Why is this important?

19

1. When Tom Robinson takes the oath, what is made clear about his left hand? How does this help Atticus's case?
2. Summarize Tom's testimony. According to him, what happened on the day of the alleged crime?
3. What does Tom's running away from the Ewell house suggest? What else could he have done?
4. What does Link Deas say about Tom Robinson? How does this show that he is different from others in Maycomb?
5. How would you describe Mr. Gilmer's cross-examination of Tom Robinson? What is his strategy? What is his tone?
6. When Tom admits that he felt sorry for Mayella Ewell, how do the majority of the white people in the courtroom react and why?