TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Study Guide Answers

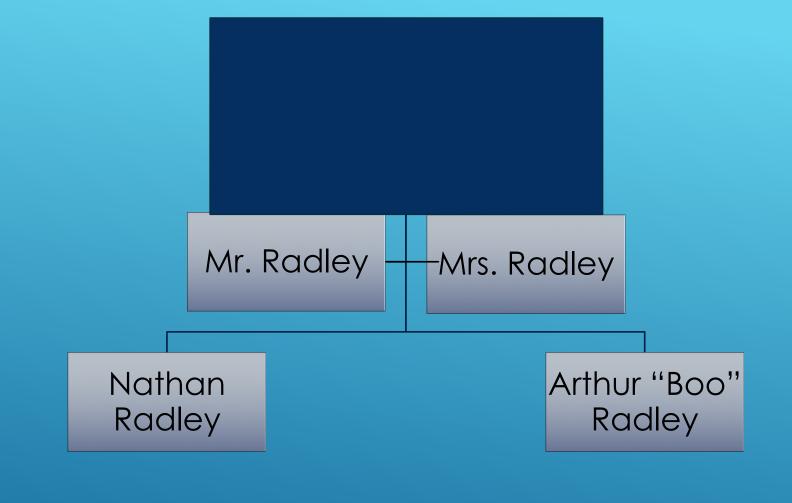
▶ **Jem:** Jeremy Atticus Finch

> Scout: Jean Louise Finch

▶ **Boo:** Arthur Radley

▶ Dill: Charles Baker Harris

CHARACTER FULL NAMES



RADLEY FAMILY TREE

- Chewing gum
- Twine
- Dolls carved out of soap
- > A medal
- A pocket watch
- > Pennies
- ▶ Eventually...cement

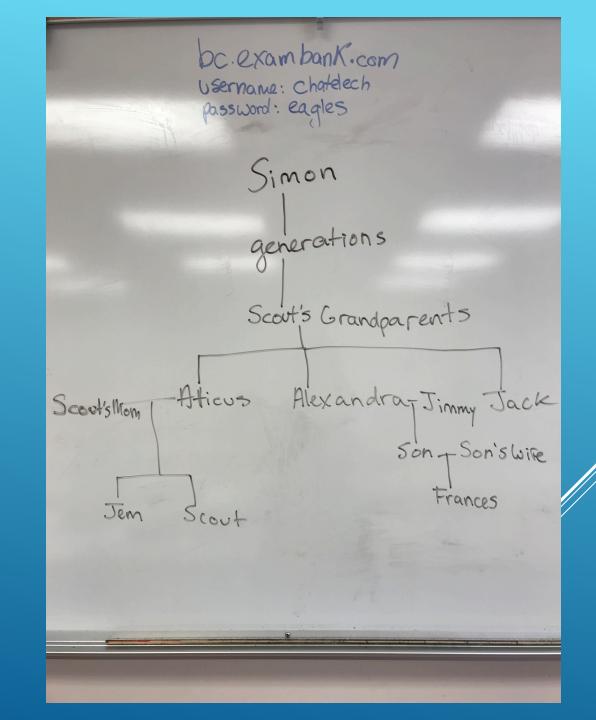
THINGS FOUND IN THE TREE

▶ **Time:** 1930s (the only concrete year we get is 1935)

► Location: Maycomb County Alabama

SETTING

FINCH FAMILY TREE



- Mayella Ewell accused Tom of rape.
- Heck Tate: She was beat on the left side, bruises around the neck. He was summoned by Bob. No doctor called.
- Mayella: Asked him to bust up a chiffarobe, he attacked and she screamed.
- Bob: Came across Tom on her, chased him off and ran to get Heck.
- > **Tom:** Helped her out and felt sorry for her. She kissed him and he rejected her but didn't hurt her. He ran when Bob saw them.
- Verdict: Guilty

WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE AGAINST TOM ROBINSON? THE EVIDENCE? THE WITNESSES? THE VERDICT

- ▶ Teacher: Miss Caroline
- Miss Caroline didn't know Maycomb and made mistakes with Walter Cunningham (tried to give him money) and Burris Ewell (tried to get him to listen).
- She also tried to make Scout stop reading and writing with Atticus and Calpurnia.

DISCUSS SCOUT'S FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER FIRST TEACHER.

- ► He is a drunk and spends all his welfare money on booze. So he is allowed to hunt out of season.
- ▶ He has lots of kids, but his wife is dead. They live by the dump.
- He is incredibly racist and holds grudges.
- ▶ He is abusive to his kids, especially Mayella.
- Attacked Jem and Scout to get even with Atticus and is killed by Boo.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT BOB EWELL?
HOW DOES HE TREAT HIS CHILDREN? WHAT
HAPPENS TO HIM IN THE END?

- Scout thought that the world was ending when it snowed.
- Mr. Avery blamed the snow on Scout and Jem misbehaving.
- Miss Maudie's house burned down in the night.
- Boo put a blanket around Scout's shoulders while they were watching the fire.

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN IT SNOWED IN MAYCOMB? WHAT DID SCOUT THINK?

- He was locked up after getting involved in a local 'gang'.
- ▶ His father looks after him, and then when the dad died and Nathan, Boo's brother, returned to look after Boo.
- Initially was locked up against his will, but eventually he wants to be there.
- ▶ He saves Jem and Scout from Bob Ewell, and killed Bob.
- They're 'his' kids. He's attached to them, has watched them grow up. He left them gifts, watched them play. He fixed Jem's pants. He saved their lives.

DISCUSS BOO RADLEY. WHY IS HE INITIALLY LOCKED IN HIS HOUSE? WHO LOOKS AFTER HIM? DOES HE WANT TO BE THERE? WHAT DOES HE DO AT THE END OF THE BOOK? WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH JEM AND SCOUT.

- Maycomb agriculture and products.
- Scout is a ham.
- Kids pranked old ladies (Miss Tutti and Miss Frutti) and hid all their furniture in their cellar.

WHAT IS THE TOPIC OF THE MAYCOMB HALLOWEEN PAGEANT? WHAT IS SCOUT'S COSTUME? WHY WAS HALLOWEEN SO ORGANIZED BY MAYCOMB?

► They don't do anything to hurt anyone. They just sing. They are innocent.

WHY IS IT A SIN TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD?

- Jem and Scout spot the dog (Tim Johnson)
- ▶ They tell Cal who calls Atticus and Heck Tate.
- ► The dog is rabid and has to be killed.
- Atticus ends up shooting the dog.
- The kids learn that he was the truest shot in the county once upon a time.

DISCUSS THE INCIDENT WITH THE RABID DOG. WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT DID ATTICUS DO? WHAT DO THEY LEARN ABOUT HIM?

His parents didn't pay enough attention to him. They gave him stuff, but didn't spend time with him. They loved him but he felt ignored.

WHY DID DILL RUN AWAY?

- Miss Maudie grew up with Atticus and Jack Finch.
- > She is a neighbor.
- She loves to garden and bakes really good cakes.
- > She is very trustworthy and doesn't tell on the kids when they get into trouble.
- > She tells them the truth and provides Scout with friendship when she feels left out with Jem and Dill.

WHAT WAS MISS MAUDIE ATKINSON LIKE?

► Finch's Landing

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE ANCESTRAL FINCH HOME?

▶ Harper Lee

WHO WROTE TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD?

- Mr: Male, typically over 18
- Mrs: Married woman
- Ms: Modern, unmarried/married woman. It doesn't indicate relationship status.
- ➤ Miss: Unmarried girl/woman.

HONORIFICS

- Scout Finch: protagonist, girl, under 10, young.
- Jem Finch: Scout's brother, over 10, boy, wise, loves football.
- Atticus Finch: Scout and Jem's dad, lawyer, widower, same in the street as he is in the house.
- Aunt Alexandra: Scout and Jem's aunt, Atticus's sister, ladylike, married, grandmother, snobbish.
- Uncle Jack: Doctor, doesn't know much about kids, unmarried, Atticus's brother, Scout and Jem's uncle.
- > **Calpurnia:** Nanny/cook/maid for the Finch family, raised Scout and Jem, strict, black.

CHARACTERS

- Dill Harris: Friend of Scout and Jem, from Meridian, engaged to Scout, based on Truman Capote.
- Miss Rachel: Dill's aunt, Scout and Jem's next door neighbor, cares about Dill.
- Miss Maudie Atkinson: Scout and Jem's neighbor, didn't tell on kids, wise, gardener, baker.
- Miss Stephanie Crawford: Scout and Jem's neighbor, town gossip, busy body.

- Mr. Nathan Radley: Boo's brother and caretaker, friendlier than his father.
- Boo Radley: Locked in his house, saves Scout and Jem, recluse, shy.
- Mr. Heck Tate: Sherriff, good guy, means well.
- Walter Cunningham: School mate of Scout, fought with Scout, son of Mr. Cunningham.
- Mr. Cunningham: Walter's dad, broke off the mob because of Scout breaking through to him.

- Mr. Bob Ewell: Mayella's dad, drunk, awful, racist, abusive, grudge holder.
- Mayella Ewell: Accused Tom of rape, lonely, poor, abused, has no friends.
- ► Tom Robinson: accused and convicted of raping Mayella Ewell, dies in prison.
- ► **Helen Robinson:** Tom's wife, works for Link Deas after Tom goes to jail/dies.
- Reverend Sykes: Reverend at Calpurnia's church, black, got Scout and Jem into the trial.

- Miss Caroline: Scout's first teacher, they didn't get along.
- Mrs. Henry Lafayette Dubose: Crotchedy old lady neighbor, dying, addicted to morphine.
- > Francis: Scout and Jem's cousin, he and Scout don't get along.
- Judge Taylor: presided over Tom's case, chews cigars, seems unserious but is serious.
- > Mr. Gilmer: Prosecute in Tom's case.
- Mr. Dolphus Raymond: pretends to be drunk, rich, has mixed children and a black mistress.