To Kill a Mockingbird

Study Guide for Chapters 6-10

1. How did Jem lose his pants? What did he find that was unusual when he went back?
2. How does Dill explain what happened to Jem’s pants?
3. Why is it important to Jem to get his pants back?
4. What did Jem and Scout find in the Radley’s tree?
5. Why will they find no more surprises in the tree?
6. What happened to Ms. Maudie’s house? What was her reaction?
7. Who is Cecil Jacobs?
8. What “disaster” happened at Christmas between Scout and Francis? Why?
9. What does Uncle Jack learn at Christmas from Scout and Atticus?
10. What brave thing does Atticus do in Chapter 10? Why were Jem and Scout shocked?
11. Why do you think Jem cried at the end of Chapter 7?
12. Why does Atticus feel he must represent Tom Robinson?
13. In what way do Scout and Jem wish their father was different at the beginning of chapter 10?
14. Explain the following quote: “Shoot all the blue jays you want, if you can hit’em, but remember it’s a sin to kill a mockingbird.”
15. What was Atticus’ nickname as a boy?
16. What themes or lessons have been presented in this story so far?