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To Kill a Mockingbird: Chapters 12–14

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Based on your knowledge of the text, which literary element is most likely being used:

- a. foreshadowing b. verbal irony
c. metaphor d. allusion
3. What does the following quote suggest about how Calpurnia views Jem and Scout?

“I don’t want anybody sayin’ I don’t look after my children,” she muttered.”

- a. She views them professionally as her employer’s children.
b. She feels they demand her respect due to their skin color.
c. She views them lovingly and sees their appearance as a reflection of her caregiving.
d. She is afraid people will judge Atticus if his children appear unkempt, which would get her in trouble.

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5. How does the Ewell family's overall reputation in town impact the credibility of



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- b. She was born during a time when poor Black people's births were not officially recorded or considered important.
- c. She was an orphan, which is why she thinks of the Finches as family.
- d. Maycomb County was such a poor area that it could not keep records for anyone.
7. Infer why Atticus tells Scout that "this summer is going to be a hot one" at the beginning of chapter 13.
- a. Although Maycomb summers were normally hot, an energy shortage meant no one would have air conditioning that year.
- b. Global warming was beginning during this time, which only educated folks like Atticus realized.
- c. Atticus understands that he will be denied access to public facilities with air conditioning as punishment for defending Tom Robinson.
- d. He is alluding to the increased tensions in the town due to his defense of Tom Robinson.

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Quote	What It Reveals
	Aunt Alexandra is overly confident and full of herself.



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- a. metaphor
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- c. simile
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10. Which is the least likely reason the author included the scene between Atticus, Jem, and Scout at the end of chapter 13?
- a. to reinforce the children's characterization as too emotionally immature to appreciate the seriousness of the upcoming trial
 - b. to emphasize how differently Atticus and Aunt Alexandra feel about the importance their family name should have on their behavior
 - c. to add complexity to Atticus's character by showing him in a situation where he feels awkward and not fully collected



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Answers may vary but should indicate

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