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To Kill a Mockingbird: Chapters 4–6

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is a successful man, and he was home-schooled.

- d. Scout dislikes school, but Atticus feels it is important that she attends.

2. In chapter 4, what is implied about the placement of the gum, and later the coins, in the Radley tree? Why is Jem suspicious of the items being found there? Use at least one piece of evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3. What does the children's casual use of racial slurs imply about the attitude toward people of color in Maycomb County and, more broadly, in the Southern United States in the 1930s?
- a. Racism is so acceptable in Maycomb County that even when children are not hateful themselves, they repeat the hateful words of adults without realizing their impact.
 - b. The children have a deep hatred toward and sense of superiority over people of color, so they use racial slurs to harass them into leaving town.
 - c. Slavery was still legal in the Southern United States during this time, making the mistreatment of people of color commonplace.



- d. Jem wanted to impress Dill with his strength.
5. What can you infer is the reason that Jem, Scout, and Dill roleplay as members of the Radley family in chapter 4?
- a. The children know people make fun of the Radleys, so they want to perform their roleplay as a form of public entertainment to win the town's favor.
 - b. The children are hoping to hurt the Radleys' feelings enough to force the family out of town.
 - c. The children think that their roleplay will entertain their peers when they come back to school, earning them instant popularity.
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6. At the end of chapter 4, Scout admits that, on the day she rolled onto the Radleys' lawn, "[she] had heard another sound, so low [she] could not have heard it from the sidewalk. Someone inside the house was laughing." Make a prediction about who was laughing and why. Explain your prediction.



- c. The Radley family secretly killed Boo and attempted to hide it by intentionally starting the rumor that he never left the house.
- d. Boo Radley's confinement actually had nothing to do with his family, and he has always stayed inside entirely by his own choice.
8. What can you conclude is the most likely reason that Scout agrees to help Dill and Jem pass a note to Boo Radley in chapter 5, despite her fears?
- a. Scout wants to show Dill and Jem that she's braver than them, but she can only do that if she delivers the note herself.
- b. Scout is so curious about Boo Radley that she ignores her fears.
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- b. Girls and women are highly valued and respected.
- c. Girls are looked down upon and seen as lesser playmates.
- d. They think girls are weak and must be protected.

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Answers will vary. An example is: Atticus is disappointed and upset that the children

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