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viewing situations from their perspective.

2. At the beginning of chapter 7, Jem reveals that when he went to retrieve his pants in the middle of the night, they were folded and sewn in a strange way. Use evidence from the text to make a detailed prediction about the reason behind this. How does it fit with what we know in the story so far?

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- a. The soap carvings are expertly made, helping to confirm their suspicion that someone is storing their valuable items in the knot-hole.
  - b. The soap carvings resemble Jem and Scout, helping to confirm their suspicion that someone is watching them.
  - c. The soap carvings look like dolls used in hoodoo, leading them to believe that someone has negative intentions to target children.
  - d. The soap carvings share only superficial similarities with Jem and Scout, so they are skeptical and think the resemblance is coincidental.



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5. What is the most likely reason that Mr. Nathan Radley filled the tree's knot-hole with cement?
- a. He recognized that the tree was dying.
  - b. He wanted to punish the children for taking his personal belongings.
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  - d. He didn't. It was likely someone else in the community who did it as a hateful act toward the Radley Family.

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  - The weather alarms Atticus, which scares Scout because he is normally unshakeable.
  - The Maycomb community angrily blames the weather on the kids.
  - She thinks Atticus is about to learn that Jem snuck onto the Radley property and is worried how he will react.
7. From Scout's perspective, which quote best describes Mr. Avery's attitude toward children?

a. “He had a pink face and a big stomach below his belt.”



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*“Son, I can't tell what you're going to be—an engineer, a lawyer, or a portrait painter. You've perpetrated a near libel here in the front yard. We've got to disguise this fellow...”*  
*“I don't care what you do, so long as you do something,” said Atticus. “You can't go around making caricatures of the neighbors.”*

What do the statements reveal about Atticus and the snowman?

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Based on Atticus's comment, who does he suspect draped the blanket over Scout while she was busy focusing on the fire?

- a. Nathan Radley
- b. Calpurnia



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