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by Harper Lee

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describing Finch's Landing, which is *not* a valid conclusion?

"Farther down stream, beyond the bluff, were traces of an old cotton landing, where Finch Negroes had loaded bales and produce, unloaded blocks of ice, flour and sugar, farm equipment, and feminine apparel."

- a. Slavery was less prominent in Maycomb than in nearby areas, so the county's racism is actually mild compared to elsewhere.
- b. Scout and Jem's ancestors were slave owners who made their money by operating a cotton plantation in Maycomb County.
- c. Wealthy white families in Maycomb likely had ancestors who owned slaves or knew people who owned slaves.
- d. The present-day racial prejudice toward Tom Robinson has deep historical roots in the community.

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 - Aunt Alexandra is racially prejudiced and feels Atticus is disgracing the family by defending Tom Robinson.
 - Aunt Alexandra prefers Uncle Jack to Atticus because Jack is a doctor.
 - Aunt Alexandra disapproves of Atticus's actions, but she keeps her opinions to herself because she prioritizes familial respect.
4. Scout makes the following comment to Uncle Jack after he whips her.



- Atticus always values fairness and listens to all sides before making a judgment.
 - Atticus sides with Jem more often because Jem is older and has proven his responsibility.
 - Atticus does not frequently discipline his children because he is too busy with work.
5. How does the ending of chapter 9 reveal the author's intentional use of point of view?
- Scout's immature, limited point of view lets readers grasp concepts and nuances that she can't, adding narrative complexity.
 - Scout fully understands what is happening around her, making her irritation feel justified when the adults in her life underestimate her.
 - Scout's relative immaturity compared to Jem makes readers exasperated with her and eager for her growth.
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- a. alliteration and simile
 - b. imagery and anaphora
 - c. onomatopoeia and irony
 - d. foreshadowing and metaphor

7. In chapter 10, Miss Maudie tells Jem and Scout, "You're lucky, you know. You and Jem



8. How does Scout's perspective on Atticus change after he kills the rabid dog?
- a. Scout originally was upset with her father for not playing in the church football game, but then she forgave him after he protected them from the mad dog.
 - b. Scout originally had a positive opinion of her father, but then she got mad at him for killing Tim Johnson.
 - c. Scout originally felt that her father was boring, but then she admired his surprisingly skillful ability to shoot a gun.
 - d. Scout originally thought that her father loved animals, but then she realized that he was willing to shoot and kill them, which saddened her.

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“The day after Jem’s twelfth birthday, his money was burning up his pockets, so we headed for town in the early afternoon. Jem thought he had enough to buy a miniature steam engine for himself and a twirling baton for me.”

- a. Jem is deeply grateful for his birthday money.
- b. Jem received so much birthday money that it is heavy in his pocket.
- c. Jem is eager to spend his birthday money.



above others.

- d. Atticus teaches Jem that it is important to be kind to rude people because that makes them more likely to change their ways.

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Answers will vary. An example is:

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he will not win the case. It means he



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