***To Kill a Mockingbird***

**Chapters 10 & 11**

**A) Questions from *Chapter 10*:**

1. Summarize Scout’s opinion of Atticus’ abilities. What can Atticus do and what can he not do according to her? How does she feel about Atticus in this regard? Use two examples from the book to support your answer.
2. According to Miss Maudie, why is it a sin to kill a mockingbird?
3. What is wrong with Tim Johnson?
4. What interesting fact is revealed about Atticus in this chapter? Why are Jem and Scout so surprised about this revelation?
5. When Jem says, “Atticus is a gentleman, just like me!” what is he really trying to express?
6. *Symbolism* occurs when an author uses one thing to represent another. (Example: The maple leaf is a *symbol* of Canadian pride.) Both the dog’s illness and the fact that it is Atticus who stops the dog are *symbols* of events and feelings occurring in Maycomb. What exactly do the above two things *symbolize*?

**B) Questions from *Chapter 11*:**

1. “It was times like these when I thought my father, who hated guns and had never been to any wars, was the bravest man who ever lived.” What does this quote tell us about Scout’s idea of what normally makes a man brave?
2. Why does Calpurnia give Jem a hot biscuit-and-butter?
3. Explain what purpose Jem reading to Mrs. Dubose served? Include an explanation of the use of the alarm clock.
4. How does Atticus explain away the phrase “nigger-lover” to Scout? What is your opinion of this explanation?
5. Summarize the lessons learned by Jem in chapter 11. How will this knowledge help him cope with the things he will have to face in the coming months?
6. What do you think is Jem’s final evaluation of Mrs. Dubose?