To Kill a Mockingbird.

Identify and describe Atticus Finch, Jean Louise (Scout), Jem Finch, Calpurnia, Charles Baker (Dill) Harris, Arthur (Boo) Radley, Mrs Dubose, Aunt Alexandra, Tom Robinson, Heck Tate, and Mayella Ewell, Bob Ewell.

1. How does Jem and Scout's views of Boo Radley change during the book? Why does Jem cry when the hole in the tree is filled with cement?

2. Atticus tells the children several times that they need to walk in someone else's shoes before judging the person. Describe times when Atticus, Scout or Jem walk in someone else's shoes. How does this change how they view the situations? What role does this advice play in sympathy and compassion?

3. Do you think the missionary society was walking in the Mrunas' shoes? What do these ladies show you about life in the town? Can you walk in their shoes and understand where they are coming from?

4. What do you think of Aunt Alexandra? Did your opinion of her change during the book? Can you understand why she was concerned with Atticus' parenting?

5. How do you think Atticus managed his role as a single parent?

6. Discuss race issues in this book. Why does Calpurnia speak differently around other black people? Why does Mr. Raymond pretend he is drunk to help people cope with his mixed marriage?

7. How does the trial and everything surrounding it change the town? Change Jem and Scout? Did it change you?

8. At one point Jem describes four kinds of "folks" in Maycomb County: "our kind of folks don't like the Cunninghams, the Cunninghams don't like the Ewells, and the Ewells hate and despise the colored folks." What does To Kill a Mockingbird teach us about how people cope with issues of race and class? Do you classify people in your world as different "folks?" Do you see those sort of distinctions today?

9. Who is your favorite character and why?

10. At the end of the book, Scout says that telling people Boo Radley committed the murder would have been "sort of like shootin' a mockingbird." What does that mean? Do you agree that Boo is like a mockingbird?

11. In the last few lines of To Kill a Mockingbird Scout says, "he was real nice..." and Atticus replies, "most people are, Scout, when you finally see them." Do you agree that most people in the novel are nice once you see them? How is Atticus able to see the good side of people despite all he has experienced? Can you?
To Kill a Mockingbird - Quiz

1. What was Scout's first "crime" at school? Do you think it was really a problem?
2. Explain the two mistakes Miss Caroline made in the first day of school.
3. What was the Boo Radley game?
4. What did Scout and Jem find in the Radley's tree?
5. Why did Jem cry when the knothole in the tree was filled with cement?
6. Describe and identify Dill.
7. How did Jem lose his pants? What did he find when he went back for them?
8. What "disaster" happened at Christmas between Scout and Francis?
9. What brave thing did Atticus do in chapter 10? Why were Scout and Jem shocked?
10. What did Jem do when Mrs. Dubose said Atticus "lawed for niggers"?
11. What did Jem learn from his encounter with Mrs. Dubose and following her death?
12. Atticus and Alexandra disagreed about how to deal with children. How did Atticus handle the situation?
13. With what crime was Tom Robinson charged?

14. What was the purpose of Walter Cunningham's mob?

16. What was the importance of Mayella's bruises being primarily on the right-hand side of her face?
17. What was Mayella's account of the incident with Tom Robinson?
18. What was Tom's handicap? Why was it important to his case?
19. What were Atticus' closing remarks to the jury?

20. What was the jury's verdict?
21. What happened to Tom Robinson?

22. Explain what happened to Jem and Scout on the way home from the pageant:

24. Who saved Jem and Scout? Who killed Bob Ewell?
25. Why did Heck Tate insist that Bob Ewell fell on his own knife?