

## ***To Kill A Mockingbird* Chapter 13 Summary Notes**

- Aunt Alexandra, Atticus's sister, comes to stay with the Finch family in Maycomb.
- Aunt Alexandra is a traditional, proper woman who values family reputation and social standing.
- Scout, the narrator, finds it difficult to connect with Aunt Alexandra, as they have different interests and personalities.
- Aunt Alexandra is concerned about Scout's tomboyish behavior and tries to mold her into a more ladylike girl.
- Scout feels uncomfortable and restricted by Aunt Alexandra's presence and rules.
- Aunt Alexandra believes that the Finch family should maintain their social position and associate with their "own kind" of people.
- She insists on hosting a missionary circle meeting at their house to maintain the family's reputation.
- Aunt Alexandra's arrival also brings a change in Jem's behavior. He becomes more mature and responsible, trying to meet Aunt Alexandra's expectations.
- Scout overhears Aunt Alexandra expressing concern about the influence of Calpurnia, the family's African American housekeeper, on the children.
- Scout becomes upset and defensive, considering Calpurnia as a beloved member of their family.
- The chapter ends with Scout overhearing Aunt Alexandra talking about the importance of family heritage and implying that Atticus should discuss the topic of their ancestry with the children.
- He makes a valiant attempt but succeeds only in making Scout cry.

## **Chapter 14 Summary Notes**

- Jem and Scout face whispers and glances from townspeople due to Atticus defending Tom Robinson in the upcoming trial.
- Scout asks Atticus about the meaning of "rape," leading to a discussion about the children's visit to Calpurnia's church.
- Aunt Alexandra forbids Scout from going to Calpurnia's church again, causing disappointment for Scout.
- Aunt Alexandra tries to convince Atticus to let go of Calpurnia, claiming she is no longer needed. Atticus refuses.
- Scout and Jem get into a fight after Jem advises Scout not to antagonize Aunt Alexandra.

- Atticus intervenes and sends them to bed. Scout finds Dill hiding under her bed.
- Dill explains that he ran away from home because he felt neglected by his mother and stepfather.
- Dill traveled by train and foot to reach Maycomb Junction, and then sought refuge with Jem and Scout.
- Jem informs Atticus about Dill's presence, and Atticus asks Scout to provide more food for Dill.
- Atticus goes next door to inform Dill's aunt, Miss Rachel, about his whereabouts.
- Dill eats, then joins Scout in her bed to discuss his situation and feelings.