

***To Kill a Mockingbird* Chapter 23 Questions**

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1. Assuming Miss Stephanie's account of Bob Ewell spitting at Atticus in this chapter is true, how do you explain Atticus's decision not to defend himself?

2. What similarities does Atticus see between the men at the jailhouse the night before the trial and the jury the next day? What does he think causes juries to unjustly convict innocent black men?

3. What does Atticus mean when he tells Jem, "With people like us—that's our share of the bill. We generally get the juries we deserve?"

4. How does Jem respond to the news that one of the jurors was a Cunningham, and that he had initially moved to acquit Tom? How does Atticus explain why a Cunningham would have such a quick change of heart?

5. Both Atticus and Aunt Alexandra degrade people by referring to them as “trash” in this chapter. How do their definitions of what makes someone “trash” differ?

6. Why does Jem conclude that Boo Radley stays inside because he wants to? What does he imagine Boo is trying to avoid?

7. What evidence does this chapter provide that both Scout and Jem have become more mature in their understanding of the world? How has the way that they understand the differences between people changed from the beginning of the novel?
