

To Kill a Mockingbird

Chapter 18(178)

Vocabulary: accustom(v), strenuous(adj), vigorously(adv), recital(n), murmur(v)

1. How does the appearance of Mayella change from Scout's perspective as the young woman raises her hand in the witness chair?
2. Why does Mayella fear Atticus?
3. According to Jem, what does Mayella have good sense to get?
4. Contrast Mayella's "recital" with Bob Ewell's testimony.
5. For what reason does Mayella think Atticus is mocking her? What does her misunderstanding about Atticus's manners tell us about her?*
6. To what question does Mayella answer with a nod?
7. What is different about Tom Robinson's arms?
8. Atticus asks, "He blacked your left eye with his right fist?" Why is this a trick question?*
9. Why could Mayella have been held in contempt of court for her response?
10. What is the "proof of the pudding" about Judge Taylor?