

ELA 10F *To Kill A Mockingbird*
FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 2

Summary

- Scout longs to go to school and talks about watching the kids play around. Dill tells Scout that they can't play together and to leave him alone at school. Scout gets in trouble for knowing how to read. She describes Miss Caroline Fisher. Scout gets in fights with other students

Analysis

- Scout is very smart for her age
- Scout's teacher Miss Fisher is very arrogant

Laws of Life and Courage

- We found out that one of Scout's LOL's is knowledge. It's shown when Scout reads and gets in trouble for it.

Chapter 3

Summary

- After Scout beats up Walter Cunningham, Jem invites him to eat lunch with them at their home. When eating lunch Walter asks for syrup, and then he pours it all over his food.
- Scout's teacher finds cooties in Burris Ewell's hair, and then tells him to go home and shower. He said that she can't tell him what to do, and that he is done with school for the year, after only the first day.
- Atticus uses the idiom of walking in someone else's skin after Scout tells him she doesn't want to go to school, because she won't be allowed to read with Atticus anymore. Atticus then tells her that they will make a compromise to read every night secretly.

Analysis

- Becoming friends with Walter helps later in the book when Scout and the others are at the jailhouse. When the mob is there, they realize that Walter's father is in it and Scout begins to talk to him, and he later realizes what they are doing and he gets them to leave.
- Burris Ewell give us an image of what the Ewell family is like, and shows us how careless and dirty they are, so later in the courthouse we know how the Ewells live.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Jem shows a law of life when he invites Walter to come and eat with them, because he knows they don't get a lot of food, and he didn't like the way Scout treated him.

Chapter 4

Summary

- Scout find gum and eats it
- Jem and Scout find the box with pennies in it
- Dill, Scout and Jem play the game about the Radleys

Analysis

- Scout and Jem tried to return the pennies to their owners
- Jem lied to Atticus about playing the game about the Radleys

Laws of Life and Courage

- Jem, Dill and Scout stopped playing the game about the Radleys

Chapter 5

Summary

- The kids played a game that made fun of Boo Radley and when Atticus told them to stop and mind their own business the kids decided to disguise the names so they could still play.
- Scout talks with Miss Maudie to figure out more information about Boo Radley.
- The kids try and give Boo Radley a note through his window asking him to come out of his house.

Analysis

- A theme in the book is the kids' interest in Boo Radley
- Another is the mystery of Boo Radley to everyone else in Maycomb.

Laws of Life and Courage

- A Law of Life demonstrated by Atticus is when he tells the kids to stop making fun of Boo Radley. The Law of Life here is mind your own business if someone doesn't want to talk about it because you never know what their situation might be. Of course if a situation is endangering someone then you should step in, but since Boo Radley is not bothering anyone then the kids should be respectful of his choice.

Chapter 7

Summary

- Scout starts second grade.
- Jem tells Scout his pants were neatly folded in the fence like they were waiting for him.
- Jem and Scout start finding items in the hole in the tree (ball of grey twine, two small figurines carved in soap that looked like them, a medal from a spelling bee, a pocket watch that wouldn't run on a chain with an aluminum knife)
- They decide to write a letter to whoever is leaving items in the knot hole.
- The next day Mr. Radley filled the hole with cement because the tree was dying.
- Atticus said the tree wasn't dying.

Analysis

- The most important part of the chapter was when Mr. Radley filled the knot hole with cement. We think he filled it because Boo Radley was putting the items in the hole so he could be connected to society and as well as a clue to try and figure out that it was him leaving the items for the children.

Laws of Life and Courage

- It is courage when Boo Radley puts items in the knot hole.
- When Jem asks Mr. Radley why he filled it with cement.

Chapter 8

Summary

- They had the coldest winter ever since 55 years ago, and it snowed
- Ms. Maudie's house burnt down
- Boo put a blanket on Scout during the fire

Analysis

- The kids have never played with snow, so they took advantage of the snow. When Atticus saw the snowman they built that looked like the neighbor, he told them to take it down because it might be offensive to Mr. Avery. But Atticus compliments Jem's artistic skills.
- When Boo put the blanket on Scout, it showed that he is still alive and kind of a nice guy. It also showed that he kind of likes the kids

Laws of Life and Courage

- Boo coming outside for the first time in a long time to do something nice. This is a sign of courage due to the fact that he hadn't come outside in a while, even though the kids were mean to him. He still wanted to help them, even if they didn't notice

Chapter 10

Summary

- Atticus said it's a sin to kill a mockingbird
- Atticus shot the dog
- The word spread about Tom at school

Analysis

- The importance of Atticus saying it's a sin to kill a mockingbird, is because it's the title of the book and Tom Robinson represents a mockingbird because he did nothing wrong.
- The importance of Atticus not teaching Jem and Scout how to shoot is because he doesn't want to be recognized because of that and he doesn't want his kids to know, but they evidently find out when he's called to shoot Tim Johnson.
- The importance of the talk of Tom Robinson is because this draws lots of unwanted attention to Jem and Scout, because Atticus has taken the case.

Laws of Life and Courage

- This chapter shows that Atticus' laws of life are very strong because of the way he deals with each situation he's put in. For example, how modest he was at how good a shot he had, and not wanting to shoot anything.

Chapter 11

Summary

- They have many interactions with Mrs. Dubose when they pass her house on their way downtown.
- Jem can't contain his anger towards Mrs. Dubose, so he takes it out on her flower bushes.
- Mrs. Dubose dies free of morphine.

Analysis

- Tormenting Boo Radley has turned boring, which shows that Jem and Scout are starting to grow up.
- Mrs. Dubose shows just because she was mean, didn't mean she didn't have courage.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus was always nice to Mrs. Dubose even though she was mean to him all the time.

Chapter 13

Summary

- Aunt Alexandra moves into the Finch house and radically changes their way of living.
- Aunt Alexandra tries to make Scout a lady by making her read books instead of playing with Jem and Dill.
- Atticus has to choose whether to listen to his sister or his children.

Analysis

- Scout is afraid that her father isn't the same as he was before and that her aunt is trying to change her.
- Atticus realizes that he's out of character when he tries to appeal to both his kids and his sister.

Laws and Life and Courage

- Scout displays courage through being herself despite the pressure her aunt is putting on her.

Chapter 15

Summary

- Atticus is warned about the case he is taking on
- Atticus leaves one evening, taking the car, and goes to the jail to protect Tom Robinson from men that want to hurt him
- Scout, Jem, & Dill sneak out and find Atticus at the jail, surrounded by men, and end up getting the men to leave

Analysis

- One main theme in this chapter is growing up, because Jem begins to mature, and starts to understand the gravity of Atticus' case

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus shows courage in this chapter by going to the jail and putting himself into a dangerous situation, all to save Tom Robinson
- Jem shows courage by sneaking out and defying his father, just to make sure that he is alright.

Chapter 15

Summary

- Dill ran from home and went to the Finch's house, and arrangements were made and he was allowed to stay at their house.
- A group of men came and talked to Atticus about putting Tom Robinson in jail for the night because tomorrow was Sunday and they couldn't go to court that day. They decide to put him in the jail that night, even though some people wanted to kill him and it might not be safe.
- Atticus went to the jail that night to protect Tom Robinson, and he set up his chair and a light and reads in front of the jail. A group of men came because they wanted to kill Tom Robinson. Scout, Jem, and Dill were watching and Scout runs over and recognizes Mr. Cunningham in the group. Scout tries to start a conversation with him, and starts talking about his son. That makes the group of men leave.

Analysis

- When the group of men came and talked to Atticus about what to do with Tom Robinson for the night, it really shows that a lot of people were against discrimination.
- Atticus stayed in front of the jail even though he could have easily been harmed if Scout hadn't gotten the men to leave. He was sacrificing himself for Tom Robinson and showing they were equal.

Examples of Laws of Life and/or Courage:

- Atticus showed a lot of courage when he went and sat in front of the jail to protect Tom Robinson.

Chapter 16

Summary

- Atticus talks about Mr. Cunningham and how even though they may be friends everyone has blind spots.
- Atticus tells the kids to stay out of the downtown while he goes to court.
- Scout, Jem, and Dill head into the court room to watch the trial.

Analysis

- Some significant points that happened were when the kids were talking about Mr. Dolphus Raymond and what the town thinks of him. I think this is important because this is one of the many examples in the book where people see something in a person, but in reality they are very different.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus demonstrates a law of life for defending, respecting and taking Tom Robinson's case and we can see that throughout this chapter

Chapter 17

Summary

- Mr. Tate testifies, and reports that Mayella Ewell had several injuries on the right side of her face

- Bob Ewell testifies and describes what he saw (Tom Robinson and Mayella), and writes, showing that he is left handed
- Atticus asks both men if they had called a doctor to tend to Mayella, which neither of them had

Analysis

- Atticus' constant asking about a doctor gives the appearance that Bob Ewell didn't actually care about his daughter's injuries
- Mayella's injuries occurred on the right side of her face, meaning someone left handed must have done it, implying that her left handed father had most likely beaten her

Laws of Life

- Atticus displayed a life lesson by constantly implying that in any occasion, your family should come first (he demonstrated this by asking about doctors for Mayella, if Mr. Ewell was a good parent, he would have called for one.)

Chapter 17

Summary

- The trial begins
- Heck Tate, Mr. Ewell testify
- Atticus shows that Mr. Ewell is left handed

Analysis

- The trial uncovers people's true motives and personalities
- It also brings out the prejudice and racism of Maycomb

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus shows his laws of life by genuinely trying to free Tom Robinson

Chapter 18

Summary

- Mayella get called up to the witness stand and tells everyone what happened with Tom Robinson
- Mayella claims that she just invited Tom Robinson in to bust a chiffarobe, but then he grabbed her and took full advantage of her
- Mayella says that Tom hit her and she was screaming for help, but nobody came

Analysis

- When Mayella was testifying that Tom was hitting her and took full advantage of her, she seemed like she didn't remember it actually happening
- Mayella in a way is also a mockingbird, because she doesn't do anything to anyone, and yet she is treated terribly by her father. She also doesn't have any friends and is quite poor.

Laws of Life and Courage

- I think Tom Robinson displays courage and honesty, which are laws of life. I think he shows courage because he isn't afraid to tell the truth despite the consequences during the trial

Chapter 19

Summary

- Tom Robinson is on trial the first part of the chapter he is interviewed by Atticus, the second half Mr. Gilmer.
- Tom tells Mr. Gilmer that he is sorry for Mayella Ewell.
- At the end of the chapter Dill starts crying so Scout takes Dill out to sit under a tree and talk.

Analysis

- There is a huge difference in the way Tom is treated by Mr. Gilmer and Atticus, Atticus is kind to Tom when Mr. Gilmer is mean and harsh.
- There is a lot of tension in the court room.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Tom shows courage because he tells the truth even though it was hard to tell that a white man did that to Mayella.

Chapter 20

Summary

- Scout and Dill find out all that Mr. Raymond drinks from the sack is coke and not whiskey, because it makes people think the way he lives his life is because he's drunk, not because he wants to live life like that.
- Atticus speaks to the jury about how there's no evidence Tom Robinson committed the crime, and that Mayella was the one who tempted Tom.
- He talks about how all men were created equal, it doesn't matter if you're black or white.

Analysis

- Atticus was nervous when speaking in front of the jury because he knew people would be judging him for defending a black man, and implying it was the white woman's fault.
- Atticus was trying to convince the people in the courtroom that racism is wrong and shouldn't be a thing by talking about how all men are equal.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus displayed courage when facing the jury, saying that Tom Robinson was innocent, that it was Mayella advancing on Tom and that all men are equal, black or white.

Chapter 21

Summary:

- Cal has a note that says Jem and Scout are missing but really they're sitting in the coloured balcony.
- Judge Taylor reads the verdict; Tom Robinson is guilty.
- Atticus takes his stuff and walks out, all around people stand to show respect for Atticus.

Analysis:

- Tom was convicted guilty. Even though Atticus didn't show it, it was evident that he was disappointed. Because he put all of effort in the trial even though he and Tom knew that had no chance. Tom shouldn't have been convicted in the first place and all the evidence even proved he was innocent. But all that didn't matter because a white man's word is taken over a black man.

Laws of Life:

- Atticus shows laws of life in this chapter by standing up for Tom Robinson even though he knew he wouldn't win.

Chapter 22

Summary

- After the trial all of Tom Robinson's friends and family bring Atticus food to thank him
- Miss Maudie convinces Jem that Maycomb is a safe place and there are plenty of good people
- Bob Ewell spits in Atticus' face and tells him he's going to get him if it takes the rest of his life

Analysis

- Atticus tells Calpurnia to tell Tom Robinson's friends and family to not bring them food again because it is the great depression and times are tough
- Atticus tells the kids not to worry yet because he cares about them and he doesn't want them to worry or get angry

Laws of Life

- When Bob Ewell spits in Atticus' face it shows how bad and low his laws of life are

Chapter 22

Summary

- Jem cries due to the injustice of Tom Robinson's trial
- When the Finches wake up in the morning, they are greeted with a table full of food from the black community
- Bob Ewell swears revenge on Atticus, even if it took his whole life

Analysis

- The black community shows their appreciation for all Atticus has done
- A common theme in this chapter is irony

Laws of Life and Courage

- The black community shows that being generous and appreciative of everybody is a 'law of life' for them.

Chapter 23

Summary

- Miss Stephanie Crawford explains to Jem, Scout and Dill what had happened to Atticus that morning. Mr. Ewell had cursed, spat on, and threatened to kill Atticus even if it took the rest of his life.
- Atticus explains to the children that it's very unlikely that Tom Robinson will be declared innocent because he is a black man, and his case is against a white man. So it is very likely that he will be declared guilty.
- Aunt Alexandra says that Scout can't associate with Walter Cunningham because he is beneath the Finches' social standing.

Analysis

- Tom Robinson's case was a symbol of not killing a mockingbird because it hasn't done anything to deserve it. So in this case, Tom Robinson was just being kind to Mayella and hadn't done anything to deserve going to jail or being killed.
- Aunt Alexandra's pride of social standing is a symbol of not treating everyone equally and with the same respect and kindness.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus taking on the case was an act of courage and of his laws of life because he knew that it wasn't fair to have an all-white jury for a black trial, so he did his best to defend Tom Robinson.

Chapter 24

Summary

- Scout is dressed all proper and the ladies in her neighborhood come over for some tea and they talk about Tom Robinson's wife and how she should raise her children and how Tom's case affected the people in Maycomb.
- Mrs. Merriweather is talking about how Atticus shouldn't have done anything to protect him, and Miss Maudie is furious and says to her "His food doesn't stick going down, does it?" Aunt Alexandra is very grateful to Miss Maudie.
- We find out that Tom is dead and he was shot trying to escape prison because he couldn't take it anymore so he ran to the fence.

Analysis

- Mrs. Merriweather is a very hypocritical and judgemental person. She believes that she is better than any "darky" and they are the worst of the worst. Even though she believes in helping and caring for others as a Christian would.
- Scout is acting like a lady and when she is asked what she wants to be she says nothing but a lady so we can tell she is turning more into a what she is expected to be by her Aunt.

Laws of Life

- Tom Robinson was courageous in how he didn't want to live in a world where a white man is in charge of him and that he is willing to take his life into his own hands and die by his choice.

Chapter 24

Summary

- Tom gets shot 17 times while climbing a fence in prison
- Atticus wants Calpurnia to go to the Robinson house with him to break the news that Tom is dead
- If Scout was mayor for one day, she said she would have let Tom go free

Analysis

- In this chapter Miss Merriweather acts like a hypocrite. For example she acts like she wants to help people, but really she doesn't want to help her own black community.

Laws of Life

- Atticus shows lots of courage because he is the one that goes and talks to Tom's family after Tom died.
- Aunt Alexandra was calm and showed lots of respect at the party after hearing that Tom died.

Chapter 24

Summary

- Scout joins Aunt Alexandra in her missionary circle
- The ladies talk about Tom Robinson's wife and how she's a sulky darky.
- Atticus comes home from work and requests the help of Calpurnia to deliver the news of Tom's death to Tom's wife.

Analysis

- The mockingbird has been killed; Tom Robinson's death was unnecessary.
- Scout hates the stereotypical women of Maycomb and plans nothing of it.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus and Calpurnia tell the news to Tom's wife- that takes courage.

Chapter 26

Summary

- Jem and Scout are growing farther apart
 - don't see each other as much
- Scout is not scared about Boo Radley anymore, but is still fascinated and wants to see him one day
- Scout's class talks about Hitler in Current Events class
 - Teacher says in America they don't persecute people like in Germany

- Scout talks to Atticus about Hitler
 - Atticus says hating Hitler is wrong, since hating anyone is wrong
- Scout talks to Jem about Hitler
 - Jem says it's okay to hate Hitler
 - Scout says it doesn't make sense to hate Hitler, then "turn around and be ugly about folks right at home."
 - Jem flips out on Scout
- Atticus says Jem is having hard time

Analysis

- Scout is growing up because she is not scared of Boo Radley anymore
- Teacher in Current Events class is being blatantly hypocritical, since African-Americans are being persecuted against daily in their time in America
- Jem upset about trial decision
 - Jem going through puberty, hormonal
 - this is probably why he flips out on Scout

Laws of Life and Courage

- Atticus shows respect, understanding for Jem by not getting mad at him for flipping out on Scout

Chapter 26

Summary

- Scout's interest and fear in Boo Radley ends
- Jem joins football
- Scout questions if she is allowed to hate

Analysis

- It's important to show that Atticus never teaches hate (one of his Laws of Life)
- The fact that the teacher said America believes in "Equal rights for all and special privileges for none." shows the inability white people had to see the black race as people, let alone equals

Laws of Life and courage

- I believe Scout showed courage by questioning if it was okay to hate Hitler even though he was a horrible person

Chapter 29

Summary

- Heck Tate explains to Aunt Alexandra and Atticus that Bob Ewell is dead.
- Scout tells Heck Tate what happened and they discover a hole left in Scout's costume (Bob Ewell tried to stab her but her costume prevented that from happening).

- Scout realizes the person who saved her and Jem was Boo Radley (he was standing in their house with her).

Analysis

- Arthur Radley turns out to be a normal innocent man, not a monster (like Tom Robinson, an innocent man who was called a monster)
- Don't judge someone until you have met them is an example of a theme for this chapter.

Laws of Life and Courage

- Arthur Radley shows courage by helping the kids and leaving his home/comfort zone.

Chapter 30

Summary

- Atticus corrects Scout on calling Boo, Mr. Arthur.
- Mr. Tate and Atticus argue over who killed Bob Ewell through the whole chapter.
- Atticus thanks Boo Radley/ Mr. Arthur for his children.

Analysis

- Scout ends the chapter saying that accusing Mr. Arthur would be like killing a mockingbird.
- Atticus knows Mr. Tate is hiding something and no one says it clearly, but Atticus thinks that Mr. Arthur killed Mr. Ewell to save Jem and Scout's lives.

Laws of life and Courage

- Atticus displays courage by not wanting to keep anything on the "down low" if Jem killed Mr. Ewell, even if that meant losing Jem and Scout.

Chapter 31

Summary

- Boo and Scout say goodnight to Jem
- Boo asks Scout to walk him home and Scout agrees
- Scout sees herself and Jem growing up from Boo Radley's point of view

Analysis

- "having been accustomed to his absence I found it incredible that he had been sitting beside me all this time" -Scout
- Even though this isn't a religious book I think it kind of relates to how most people don't think God is present because you don't see or hear him. Boo looked out for Scout and Jem all the time they just didn't notice just like God looks out for us we just don't notice

Laws of Life and Courage

- Boo showed a lot of courage by helping out Scout and Jem and finally introducing himself even though he knew what people thought of him