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Saint Gabriel School

Literature 8 – Critical Reading

To Kill a Mockingbird: Chapters 11 – 12

1. What does the reader learn about Mrs. Dubose from Scout's description at the beginning of Chapter 11? How does Atticus expect the children to act with regard to Mrs. Dubose?
2. What remark by Mrs. Dubose enrages Jem? What unusual actions occur because of this remark?
3. Upon learning of Jem's actions, what does Atticus require Jem to do?
4. Describe the conversation between Atticus and Scout. Explain the importance of the following lines: (a) *This case, Tom Robinson's case, is something that goes to the essence of a man's conscience – Scout, I couldn't go to church and worship God if I didn't try to help that man.* (b) *... before I can live with other folks, I've got to live with myself. The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience.*
5. What does Mrs. Dubose require Jem to do?
6. What does the reader learn about Mrs. Dubose from Atticus after she dies? What does Atticus hope the children will learn from Mrs. Dubose?
7. What does Scout begin to notice about Jem when he becomes twelve? How does Calpurnia explain Jem's behavior?
8. What problem must Calpurnia solve in Chapter 12?
9. Describe the children's visit to the First Purchase Church? How are they treated by the members of the congregation?
10. What do the children discuss with Calpurnia after the services?