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Saint Gabriel School

Literature 8 – Critical Reading

To Kill a Mockingbird: Chapters 7 – 8

1. How does Scout describe Jem's behavior in the weeks that follow his narrow escape from the Radley house?
2. What revelation does Jem make to Scout while walking home from school one autumn afternoon? Does this revelation help to explain Jem's unusual behavior? What does this incident reveal about Jem?
3. What items do the children find in the tree outside the Radley place? What is their reaction to their findings?
4. As a result of these findings, what do the children decide to do? How are their plans upset?
5. Describe the encounter between the children and Mr. Nathan Radley. As a result of this meeting, what does Jem ask Atticus? How does Scout describe Jem's reaction to this situation?
6. Explain what the following statement tells you about the children: "*Jem and I decided that Boo had got her at last; but when Atticus returned from the Radley house, he said she died of natural causes, to our disappointment.*"
7. What unusual event happens in Maycomb County?
8. What misfortune befalls Miss Maudie on the coldest night of the year?
9. What mysterious help does Scout receive while watching the frightening events of that cold night? Who is responsible for the help?
10. What do the children learn from Miss Maudie's reaction to her misfortune?