To Kill a Mockingbird
Study Questions Chapters 28-31

Chapter 28
1) Who startles the children on the way to the pageant?

2) How does Scout embarrass herself during the pageant?

3) Why does she choose to leave her costume on? What is the flaw in her logic?

4) Why do the children return to the schoolhouse?

5) Describe the events that occur between the schoolhouse and home.

6) Why does Scout ask repeatedly if Jem is dead?

7) Who attacked the children and what happened to him?

Chapter 29
1) Identify and describe the man who rescued the children.

Chapter 30
1) Atticus and Sheriff Tate engage in an argument over who killed Bob Ewell. Why do you think Atticus is so insistent that Jem committed this act?

2) What explanation does the Sheriff offer for Bob Ewell’s death?

3) What piece of evidence makes it clear to Atticus who killed Bob Ewell?
4) Mr. Tate states he “took it off a drunk man” when Atticus asks where he got the knife. Was Mr. Tate lying? Why do you think that?

5) Who killed Bob Ewell? Why is Mr. Tate willing to cover this up?

Chapter 31
1) What is Boo Radley’s only spoken words?

2) How does Scout react to his request?

3) The idea of crawling inside someone else’s skin and walking around in it has been mentioned several times throughout the book. Why does Scout linger so long on the Radley porch?

4) Think about the title one more time. Identify characters in the story who “sang their hearts out and did nothing to hurt nobody”. Explain how these people only helped others and how they were or were not punished. Do you think the title is appropriate for this book? Explain