*To Kill a Mockingbird*: Chapters 9-11

1. Character Purpose

You will be looking at the reason Harper Lee included specific characters to help her story. This is not a description of WHO they are. This is WHY Harper Lee included a character like this.

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| Character | Character Purpose to the narrative |
| Scout | As the protagonist, her role is to show the reader the main conflict through her eyes. The author, Harper Lee, chose a young girl as the protagonist, so the conflict of prejudice and racism would be told through the eyes of a naive, innocent character. Children are not born with prejudice; they learn it from the environment around them. |
| Cecil Jacobs |  |
| Aunt Alexandra |  |
| Jack |  |
| Mrs. Dubose |  |

2. Tone

You will be identifying different tones in the chapters.

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| Tone | Quote | Analysis of WHY the quote is the tone |
| Sarcasm | “Maudie,” he called, “I thought I’d better warn you. You’re in considerable peril.” | Atticus does not really mean that Miss Maudie’s life is in danger. He found Scout aiming the air rifle at Miss Maudie’s “rear end” and exaggerated the situation as a joke for Miss Maudie. Because he said something he did not mean, this is sarcasm. |
| Peace |  |  |
| Humor |  |  |
| Warning |  |  |
| Danger |  |  |
| Anger |  |  |

3. Character change

You will be looking at how the character has changed or how the perception of the character has changed.

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| Character | Character in previous chapters | How the character has changed in these chapters |
| Scout |  |  |
| Jem |  |  |
| Atticus |  |  |

4. Allusion

You will be looking at how authors use allusion to communicate an idea. An allusion is is a brief and indirect reference to well known people, events, or history in order for the author to make a comparison the reader will understand.

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| Allusion | What it means | Why the author is using it |
| **“I picked up a football magazine, found a picture of Dixie Howell, showed it to Jem and said, “This looks like you.”** | **Dixie Howell was a famous baseball and football player. He played minor league baseball and also played football for the Washington Redskins.** | **Scout is trying to make Jem feel better by comparing him to Dixie Howell. Because Howell was such a successful athlete, especially in Jem’s favorite sport of football, the author is showing that Scout is paying Jem a major compliment.** |
| “Simply because we were licked **a hundred years before** we started is no reason for us not to try to win,” Atticus said. | *The Civil War, which happened 100 years before the story took place was...* |  |
| “As Calpurnia sprinted to the back porch a **black Ford** swung into the driveway. | *The black Ford is referring to a specific brand of ...* | *(Hint:This is during the Depression, and not a lot of people had these. What does that mean?)* |

4. Reflection

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| Where did you struggle reading the chapters?  (Give page/quote) | Why was this challenging for you? |
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