Reading Questions: pages 132-149

1. Why did Jem and Scout hate Mrs. Dubose?
2. Why do you think Mrs. Dubose is so cruel? Why does she insult Atticus?
3. What made Jem snap? Explain why he acted the way that he did. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
4. What lesson do you think Atticus had in mind for Jem when he sent him to apologize to Mrs. Dubose?
5. What is Jem’s “punishment”?
6. As the children spend more time with her, predict why Mrs. Dubose can go longer without her medicine.
7. What was Mrs. Dubose’s problem? What had she struggled with for years?
8. What did Mrs. Dubose accomplish before she died? Why was this important to her and how did the children help her meet this goal?
9. What was the lesson Atticus wanted Jem to learn from the whole experience?