Discussion questions for chapters 12-19

Discuss the following questions with your table group. Be purposeful and insightful when answering. Support your ideas with evidence from the text. Understand that text evidence is to add credit to your ideas, not to replace them. Include all names of those contributing to the discussion on your final response sheet.

1. In what ways does Jem show more maturity in this chapter? Provide 2 examples. (Analyze Character)
2. What is Scout and Jem’s tone toward Calpurnia when asking her about her use of English in her community? (Analyze Tone)
3. In chapter 13, Scout says the following quote, “I know now what he was trying to do, but Atticus was only a man. It takes a woman to do that kind of work.” What does she mean by this and how does it help explain the theme of the novel?
4. What is the make-up of the jury? Describe the jurors, including gender, age, social position, etc.
5. How did Atticus get the position of Tom’s lawyer? Is it a position he wanted? Comment on his success in defending Tom.
6. What was the evidence against Tom? Why was it unlikely that Tom was guilty?
7. Characterize Bob Ewell.