

Chapters Nine-Eleven

Standards Focus: Foreshadowing

In order to build suspense and make a story more interesting, writers often use techniques such as **foreshadowing**, or hints and clues of events to occur later in the plot. When authors give these hints and clues, we can make a **prediction**, or an educated guess, as to what will happen next.

Often, we do not even realize that an author has used foreshadowing until we have finished reading the entire book and look back on what we have read. However, if you are told that certain instances, events, or symbols are foreshadowing events to come, then you can make predictions about what you think may happen in the future.

Directions: Below are several examples of foreshadowing from Chapters 9-11. Read the selection and then predict what you think will happen later in the story based upon the selection. Please note: there are no real "wrong" answers. Be sure to address all parts of the quote. An example has been done for you.

Ex. "Atticus sighed. 'I'm simply defending a Negro—his name's Tom Robinson. He lives in that little settlement beyond the town dump. He's a member of Calpurnia's church, and Cal knows his family well. She says they're clean-living folks. Scout, you aren't old enough to understand some things yet, but there's been some high talk around town to the effect that I shouldn't do much about defending this man. It's a peculiar case...'"

My prediction: Atticus will be defending an African-American man, Tom Robinson, who is a good man, but lives in the "bad" area of town. The people of Maycomb believe that Atticus shouldn't defend Tom. My prediction is that the people of Maycomb will turn against Atticus when he defends Tom, and that Atticus will be treated just as badly as the African-Americans in this prejudiced town.

1. "Our father didn't do anything. He worked in an office, not in a drugstore. Atticus did not drive a dump-truck, he was not the sheriff, he did not farm, work in a garage, or do anything that could possibly arouse the admiration of anyone."

My prediction: _____

2. "When he gave us our air rifles, Atticus wouldn't teach us to shoot. Uncle Jack instructed us in the rudiments thereof; he said Atticus wasn't interested in guns. Atticus said to Jem one day, 'I'd rather you shot at tin cans in the back yard, but I know you'll go after birds. Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird.'"

My prediction: _____

3. "Mr. Finch, this is a one-shot job.' Atticus shook his head vehemently: 'Don't just stand there, Heck! He won't wait all day for you-' 'For God's sake, Mr. Finch, look where he is! Miss and you'll go straight into the Radley house! I can't shoot that well and you know it!'

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"I haven't shot a gun in thirty years—"

Mr. Tate almost threw the rifle at Atticus. "I'd feel mighty comfortable if you did now," he said. In a fog, Jem and I watched our father take the gun and walk out into the middle of the street. He walked quickly, but I thought he moved like an underwater swimmer: time had slowed to a nauseating crawl."

My prediction: _____

4. "Maybe I can tell you," said Miss Maudie. "If your father's anything, he's civilized in his heart. Marksmanship's a gift of God, a talent—oh, you have to practice to make it perfect, but shootin's different from playing the piano or the like. I think maybe he put his gun down when he realized that God had given him an unfair advantage over most living things. I guess he decided he wouldn't shoot till he had to, and he had to today."

My prediction: _____

5. "Scout," said Atticus, "when summer comes you'll have to keep your head about far worse things ...it's not fair for you and Jem, I know that, but sometimes we have to make the best of things, and the way we conduct ourselves when the chips are down—well, all I can say is, when you and Jem are grown, maybe you'll look back on this with some compassion and some feeling that I didn't let you down. This case, Tom Robinson's case, is something that goes to the essence of a man's conscience—Scout, I couldn't go to the church and worship God if I didn't try to help that man."

My prediction: _____

6. "I wanted you to see something about her—I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do."

My prediction: _____

