

To Kill a Mockingbird

Focus Question #3

It always seems as if the Radley house, though seemingly quiet, is watching the rest of the world go by. How might this power of observation become critical to Jem and Scout in the future?

Answer Plan

1. Restate the question to begin the answer.
2. Cite details about the children and the oak tree from Chapter 4.
3. Conclude by making a prediction about how Boo may become important.

Possible Answer

[1] The power of observation might become critical to Jem and Scout in the future. [2] Time after time, Jem and Scout find interesting treats in the hollow of the oak tree. Each day it is something different. First, it is Wrigley's Doublemint gum. Then it was Indian head pennies. Finally, Scout could hear someone laughing when she fell out of the tire. [3] The Radley house, or someone in it, is obviously paying attention to what Jem and Scout do, and that might be very helpful to them in the future.