**Short Answer Questions**

**1. What point of view is used in this novel?**

**2. How many babies does Aibileen tell the reader she has cared for in her career?**

**3. What ailment does Mae Mobley suffer when Aibileen first begins to care for her?**

**4. Why does Aibileen say in chapter 1 that Miss Leefolt cannot soothe her own baby?**

**5. How old was Treelore when he died?**

**6. What kind of party does Mrs. Leefolt have in the first chapter of the book?**

**7. Why does Hilly express distaste at using Mrs. Leefolt's guest bathroom in chapter 1?**

**8. Who does Skeeter ask Aibileen about at the end of chapter 1?**

**9. Who lives on Longleaf Plantation?**

**10. How much younger than Aibileen is Minny Jackson?**

**11. What does Aibileen tell Minny in chapter 2 that Hilly Hobrook accused her of?**

**12. Why does Mr. Leefolt tell Mae Mobley she will not go to college in chapter 2?**

**13. Why does Minny tell Aibileen she needs to find a new job in chapter 2?**

**14. For what act does Mrs. Leefolt punish Mae Mobley in chapter 2 that makes Aibileen feel outrage for the child?**

**15. What does Aibileen write in a small blue notepad?**

**16. Who does Aibileen recommend Minny to, lying about Elizabeth Leefolt recommending her as a good maid?**

**17. Why have nearly half a dozen maids refused to work for Celia Foote, as revealed in chapter 3?**

**18. Why does Celia Foote refuse to tell her husband she has hired a maid in chapter 3?**

**19. What one housekeeping skill is Celia Foote very bad at, as revealed in chapter 3?**

**20. What item in the living room of the Foote residence frightens Minny?**

**21. What threat did Hilly make against Skeeter early in the novel that causes her angst in chapter 5?**

**22. How long have Hilly, Skeeter, and Elizabeth been friends?**

**23. What college did Skeeter graduate from?**

**24. Who is Pascagoula?**

**25. What does Skeeter's mother nag her about in chapter 5?**

**26. What chronic condition does Skeeter's mother suffer from at the beginning of the novel?**

**27. What is Skeeter's christian name?**

**28. Who gave Skeeter her nickname?**

**29. What job did Skeeter apply before in her final days at college?**

**30. Who does Hilly Holbrook set up a date for Skeeter with in chapter 5?**

**31. What is Hotstack?**

**32. What gesture would Constantine use to let Skeeter knew she wanted her to pay close attention to her?**

**33. Who is Mrs. Stein?**

**34. Where does Skeeter get a job in chapter 6?**

**35. Who is Miss Myrna?**

**36. Who does Skeeter ask for advice in regards to her new job in chapter 6?**

**37. Why does one of Aibileen's grown white children tell her he still does not drink coffee in chapter 7?**

**38. What milestone has Mae Mobley entered in chapter 7?**

**39. What does Mrs. Leefolt tell Mae Mobley about using Aibileen's toilet in chapter 7?**

**40. What did Robert Brown do for Aibileen in the aftermath of Treelore's death?**

**41. What book idea has Skeeter proposed to Mrs. Stein in chapter 8?**

**42. Who has Skeeter pinpointed as her first interviewee for her book in chapter 8?**

**43. What does Skeeter try to give Aibileen at Elizabeth Leefolt's house that Aibileen refuses to take in chapter 8?**

**44. What is the Shinalator?**

**45. Who visits the Phelans in chapter 9?**

**46. With whom does Skeeter have a date in chapter 9?**

**47. On what day is Celia supposed to tell her husband that she has hired Minny as their maid?**

**48. Who did Celia's husband date before he married Celia?**

**49. What item does Skeeter take to carrying around in chapter 11?**

**50. What does Aibileen tell Skeeter in chapter 11 her grandmother did for a living?**

**51. What does Skeeter admit caused her some disappointment at first in chapter 12?**

**52. What does Aibileen reveal in chapter 12 about the kitchen in the governor's mansion?**

**53. Who does Skeeter mail the chapter with Aibileen's story to in chapter 12?**

**54. What news does Elizabeth Leefolt announce to Skeeter and Hilly in chapter 12?**

**55. What political office is Hilly's husband running for as she announces in chapter 12?**

**56. What does Hilly give to Aibileen after a bridge party in chapter 12?**

**57. What deadline is Skeeter originally given for her book in chapter 12?**

**58. How many interviews with maids does the editor suggest Skeeter include in her book?**

**59. Who shows up at Skeeter's door and surprises her in chapter 13?**

**60. Who is Patricia van Devender?**

**61. What general shares a name with a popular hotel and restaurant in this book?**

**62. What book does Skeeter steal from the white library in chapter 13 because it has been damaged and defamed?**

**63. What item does Skeeter accidentally leave at behind in chapter 13 when she rushes out of the League meeting?**

**64. What is the one thing Aibileen admits that she admires about Hilly Holbrook in chapter 14?**

**65. Why does Hilly claim that blacks and white should never attend the same school together in chapter 14?**

**66. In chapter 15, who accuses Aibileen of not teaching Mae Mobley manners?**

**67. Where does Hilly Holbrook invite Mrs. Leefolt and Mae Mobley to go in chapter 15?**

**68. What is Skeeter doing when she runs into Hilly Holbrook and Elizabeth Leefolt in chapter 15?**

**69. Who, in chapter 16, approaches Aibileen at a Community Concerns Meeting at her church about Skeeter's book?**

**70. What is the main topic of conversation at a Community Concerns meeting at Aibileen's church in chapter 16?**

**71. What are Yule May, Hilly Holbrook's maid, and her husband saving up for as she tells Aibileen in chapter 16?**

**72. What does Aibileen promise all the women she approaches about helping with Skeeter's book will be done to protect their identities?**

**73. What tree does Celia Foote keep threatening to cut down in her yard?**

**74. Who did Johnny Foote tell Minny he had asked to come play bridge with Celia?**

**75. How does Celia know in chapter 17 that Minny knows how to play bridge?**

**76. What does Minny say God would have made people if he had intended for whites and blacks to spend a large amount of time together?**

**77. What ailment does Minny's son, Benny, suffer?**

**78. What does Minny forbid Skeeter to do in chapter 17?**

**79. What does Celia have delivered to the house that Minny thinks is homemade alcohol?**

**80. What does Celia call Minny at the end of chapter 17 that makes Minny annoyed with Celia?**

**81. Why does Minny think she no longer has a job with the Footes at the end of chapter 17?**

**82. What book does Minny discover Johnny Foote is reading in chapter 18?**

**83. What secret does Minny finally reveal to Celia as they wait for the doctor to come in chapter 18?**

**84. What does Dr. Tate accuse Celia of in chapter 18?**

**85. What modern convenience does Skeeter's mother refuse to have added to the house as Skeeter explains in chapter 19?**

**86. Where does Skeeter go in chapter 19 to cool off in the overwhelming heat?**

**87. Who is Pascagoula's cousin?**

**88. What actress does Skeeter note is on the cover of Life magazine?**

**89. What does Skeeter push Stuart to tell her about his ex-fiancee in chapter 19 that causes some tension between them?**

**90. What new pill does Skeeter read about in the newspaper in chapter 19 that is hailed as a pill 'to help women cope with everyday challenges'?**

**91. Why does Pascagoula tell Skeeter in chapter 19 that no one would work for her mother except her?**

**92. When Skeeter calls Aibileen in chapter 19 to tell her Yule May's decision, what does Aibileen say she was told about Yule May's working status?**

**93. What war does Skeeter see a news report about on the television in chapter 19?**

**94. Why does Skeeter think the maids in the state senator's house are looking at her oddly in chapter 20?**

**95. What does Mrs. Phelan tell the Whitworths Skeeter has been writing about in chapter 20?**

**96. What does Skeeter feel the Whitworth house is a museum in honor of in chapter 20?**

**97. Who was Carl Roberts?**

**98. What appliance does Mrs. Phelan finally allow installed in her house in chapter 21 after receiving doctors orders to do so?**

**99. Why does Skeeter refuse to tell her mother of her break up with Stuart?**

**100. What name has Aibileen chosen to use in the book she is writing with Skeeter?**

**101. What name has Minny chosen as her secret identity in Skeeter's book?**

**102. Under what name does Skeeter plan to publish her book?**

**103. How old is Mae Mobley at the beginning of chapter 22?**

**104. What does Mae Mobley do when she sees the toilets on Hilly Holbrook's front lawn in chapter 22?**

**105. What excuse does Aibileen think Skeeter will use for the toilet confusion at Hilly Holbrook's house?**

**106. Who tells Aibileen to stay away from Skeeter if she wants to keep her job?**

**107. Why does Minny fear for her job in chapter 24?**

**108. What instrument does Celia Foote use to protect Minny from a crazy, naked man in chapter 24?**

**109. Where is the Junior League Benefit for Children held in chapter 25?**

**110. Who is the Benefit to benefit?**

**111. Who attracts a large amount of attention upon her arrival at the Benefit?**

**112. Why does Celia think Hilly does not like her, a misunderstanding she wants to clear up in chapter 25?**

**113. What does Celia tear from Hilly's dress that Hilly later insists Celia make a two hundred dollar donation to the Junior League to make up for?**

**114. Who calls Minny at home in the beginning of chapter 26 to speak about Celia Foote?**

**115. How long does Celia stay in bed after the disaster at the Benefit?**

**116. What does Celia Foote threaten to do in the aftermath of the disaster at the Benefit?**

**117. What does Celia write in chapter 26 on a check made out to the Junior League?**

**118. How much time does Mrs. Stein cut off of Skeeter's deadline for completing her book in chapter 26?**

**119. Who does Skeeter reveal she paid twenty-five dollars each to put the thirty plus toilets on Hilly's front lawn?**

**120. In chapter 27, why does Skeeter claim she continues to go to League meetings?**

**121. What does Hilly announce at the League meeting in chapter 26 that officially cuts Skeeter out of her final tenuous attachment to Jackson social society?**

**122. What famous literary character does Skeeter compare herself to in chapter 27?**

**123. Who is waiting for Skeeter as she arrives home at the end of chapter 27?**

**124. What name does Skeeter, Aibileen, and Minny chose for the book they are writing?**

**125. What is in a letter Aibileen gives to Skeeter in chapter 27?**

**126. Why did Constantine give her daughter to an orphanage in Chicago when she was just a little girl?**

**127. How common does Aibileen tell Skeeter it was for women to give up their children to care for white families?**

**128. When does Skeeter mail the manuscript to Harper and Row?**

**129. How long does Dr. Neal tell Skeeter in chapter 28 her mother has to live?**

**130. What list does Mrs. Phelan start writing for Skeeter with the understanding that she is dying?**

**131. What dish is Skeeter left to prepare on New Year's Day?**

**132. Why does Skeeter tell her mother in chapter 28 that most of the holiday parties have been canceled?**

**133. What reason does Stuart give Skeeter in chapter 28 for not working on the oil rigs any longer?**

**134. Why does Stuart fail to greet his own parents in chapter 28 when he and Skeeter see them during a dinner out?**

**135. Why does Stuart take back the marriage proposal he makes to Skeeter in chapter 28?**

**136. What does Skeeter's mother announce to her at the end of Chapter 28?**

**137. How much does Skeeter tell Aibileen Harper and Row has agreed to pay as an advance for the book?**

**138. With whom does Skeeter plan to share the advance money and subsequent royalty payments with?**

**139. How much time has passed between chapter 28 and chapter 29?**

**140. Why is Mae Mobley spending less time with Aibileen in chapter 29?**

**141. What does Aibileen's church give her to celebrate the publication of the book?**

**142. What captivates Mrs. Leefolt most about People Will Talk's review of Skeeter and Aibileen's book?**

**143. Who buys a copy of Skeeter and Aibileen's book for Hilly Holbrook?**

**144. What new gadget has Celia Foote bought that Minny is impressed by in chapter 30?**

**145. Why does Aibileen obsessively check Mrs. Leefolt's progress in reading the book written by Skeeter and Aibileen?**

**146. What habit has baby Ross developed that makes changing diapers a treasure hunt?**

**147. What does Hilly say to Mrs. Leefolt about the book as she reaches chapter 7?**

**148. Why does Minny say that Celia Foote will more than likely never read their book?**

**149. What does Aibileen overhear two women say in the grocery store?**

**150. What condition does Minny have that she hopes will keep Leroy from beating her anymore?**

**151. What does Leroy continuously ask Minny in chapter 32?**

**152. What does Minny think Leroy will do when he learns that she participated in the writing of Skeeter's book?**

**153. What is Skeeter's biggest fear in light of the publication of her book?**

**154. Where does Skeeter tell the reader writers are supposed to live?**

**155. What address does Skeeter give Mrs. Stein for correspondence related to the book?**

**156. Who does Mrs. Phelan set her daughter up with as Skeeter explains in chapter 33?**

**157. Who does Skeeter claim she misses the most in the aftermath of finishing the book in chapter 33?**

**158. Who comes into the drug store with Lou Anne in chapter 33?**

**159. What were shock treatments used to treat in 1964?**

**160. What does Lou Anne tell Skeeter Hilly has begun telling people about the book?**

**161. Who does Lou Anne think wrote the book?**

**162. What does Lou Anne say she will not vote Hilly for in January?**

**163. Who does Skeeter feel understands the point of her book more than she ever did?**

**164. What is the point of Skeeter's book?**

**165. What does Skeeter think her life would be like if she had not written the book?**

**166. What is the best part of having written the book in Skeeter's mind?**

**167. Where has Skeeter learned that Stuart has gone in chapter 33?**

**168. Who drives up to Skeeter's house at the end of chapter 33 with the headlights off?**

**169. What has inspired Skeeter's new fashion sense?**

**170. What detail appears in Skeeter's book that she is afraid will identify her as Sarah Ross?**

**171. Why does Minny suggest Hilly can never tell anyone what she knows about the book Skeeter wrote?**

**172. What job has Skeeter been offered in New York City?**

**173. Why do Minny and Aibileen insist Skeeter take the job in New York City?**

**174. Why does Miss Hester decide not to fire her maid, Flora Lou, even though she knows it was her in Skeeter's book?**

**175. Why has Mrs. Leefolt borrowed a silver service from Hilly Holbrook in chapter 34?**

**176. Why does Mr. Leefolt instruct his wife to have his daughter's preschool teacher changed?**

**177. What job has Skeeter arranged for Aibileen to take at ten dollars a week?**

**178. How many more copies does Skeeter tell Aibileen that Mrs. Stein has ordered for their book?**

**179. Who told the foreman at Leroy's job to fire him in chapter 34?**

**180. What does Aibileen threaten to do if Hilly Holbrook has her put in jail for theft in chapter 34?**