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## Challenges and Confrontations: Chapters 15-21 of 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

### Short Answer Key

1. The mob at the jail in Chapter 16 represents the town's racial prejudice and the danger faced by Tom Robinson. Scout's innocent conversation with Mr. Cunningham humanizes him, reminding the mob of their shared humanity and preventing violence.
2. Tom Robinson's testimony in Chapter 18 is crucial because it contradicts Mayella Ewell's accusations. It highlights the injustice he faces due to his race and the biases of the jury.
3. Atticus's closing statement emphasizes the lack of credible evidence and the racial bias in the trial. It is important because it challenges the jury to look beyond their prejudices and deliver a fair verdict.
4. The guilty verdict reflects the theme of racial prejudice in "To Kill a Mockingbird" by demonstrating how the evidence of Tom Robinson's innocence is overridden by the town's deeply rooted racism and bias against black individuals.
5. Atticus's reaction to the guilty verdict in Chapter 20 reflects his character's dignity and commitment to justice. Despite his disappointment, he maintains his integrity and continues to fight for what is right.

