



Do you know who your talking about?

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In the county of Maycomb, many people think they know someone, even though they have never really gotten to know them. This became very easy to see during the Tom Robinson case. Many people were suspicious that this kind of behavior was shown because of the racial difference. Atticus knew this would happen because in the town of Maycomb people judge others before they get to know them, in the sense that they know the inside of the person not what everybody sees.

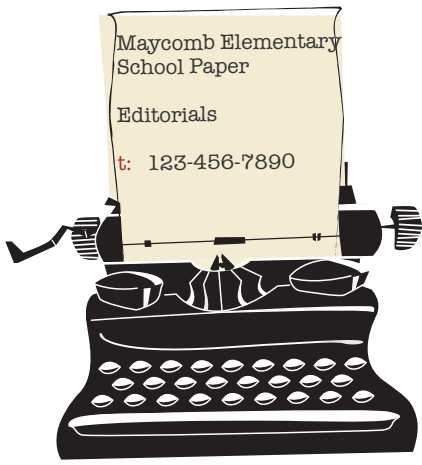
When people first heard that this man was on trial they never thought he stood a chance. Everybody knew that he would be found guilty; it was just the nature in Maycomb. Atticus knew he would have trouble doing this case but also knew it was the right thing to do.. When some people found out they, thought he was a bad person for trying the case. For that we should be thankful. He knew Tom was not to blame, but he also knew he would take the blame anyway.

I believe this is the wrong thing to do, how can you judge someone if you don't know them? This is definitely not a good reason to send someone to jail. Not saying that that is the reason Mr. Tom was sent to jail, but it wouldn't come as a surprise if that had an impact.



Not too long ago it was called to my attention that I might have also been judging someone too soon. When I got to meet the person, I realized that they were not even as scary as I thought they would be. I only then realized that the judgements I made towards him were wrong and could have been hurtful, say he found out. These are the same emotions that Tom Robinson could of had if he heard what people said about him. It just isn't right to think that a man died without justice. Nobody except Mr. Link bothered to get to know him, the real him, and even that was only to an extent. Seeing that most black people are treated that way, I feel it is only fair to change that. It ain't fair that people aren't known for who they really are. If people would just talk to one another, but it isn't even necessarily talking to one another as much to just not judging each other if you don't know them.

When people found out that Mr. Tom had already been sent to jail they automatically thought he would be guilty. True he was in jail for a crime but, they didn't care about if he was actually guilty of that crime or how that might have impacted him, they only saw the bold print. The print that said he had been sent to jail. The majority of the population of Maycomb thought that that automatically made him guilty of this crime. I never heard anybody actually ask what he had done to deserve to be in jail the first time. Also no one ever bothered to realize that the scares from the first crime. The fact that he was black trumped everything. That just doesn't make sense. That's just not the way it should be. People should be



judged who they are on the inside not what they look like.

When people see who someone really is, their opinion may or may not change but in most cases their opinion will change. If you don't get to know someone and you judge them you are wrong. Nobody has the right to do that to someone else. Tom Robinson was judged before people got to know him and everyone saw what happened. Many were suspicious, that this could have been due to racial differences. Nobody ever really tried to get to know him. Though he was already put in jail once, it may make him a little bit less trustworthy but everybody is supposed to be innocent until proven guilty. In conclusion, always get to know someone first, then make your decisions.
