

THE HORROR TRIAL/VERDICT AND AFTERMATH!



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The way white people treated the negroes in the hometown of Maycomb county is not right. Based on the Tom Robinson case that my father Atticus was defending the negro Tom Robinson, being accused of raping Mr. Ewell's daughter Mayella, I know that people are racists. Why would the white people get so mad for Atticus to be defending Tom? Yeah, he's a negro, but everyone else is too afraid to do what's right, so why doesn't Atticus be the brave one to do so. The folks of Maycomb are very racist to the point they stop talking to Atticus and can't understand why he would do such a thing to defend a black man. I personally applaud my father for having enough guts to do that. I think that the trial, verdict, and the aftermath made no sense.

The Court knew who really raped Mayella, but they don't care because who really did it was white and who they are accusing of doing it is a negro. Mayella just revealed a whole lot about what really happened to her. She said that she never kissed a grown man, not including what her father does. That right there shows that what she is trying to accuse Mr. Tom Robinson of doing is wrong and her father is who really raped her or did something not right to her.

The court knew that Tom did not rape Mayella. They know because of all of the evidence provided. Since they had a lot of information, they came to the conclusion that Bob Ewell raped Mayella, but Mayella just was not speaking up. You could tell that she was very worried about that because her family lied to the court about what happened. Tom Robinson still went to jail because he is a negro, so they kind of had to send him to jail through the court of law.

Even though the jury was out of the room deciding the verdict for a long time for the case, the Court had enough evidence to say that Tom Robinson was innocent, but since he was a negro, they didn't. Atticus provided enough evidence, such as the fact that Mayella was hurt on the right side of her face, so the person that had to hit her would be left-handed. Tom's left hand was messed up, so it couldn't have been him. Mr. Ewell was left-handed, so it could have been him. The fact that Mayella tried to lie did not help Tom at all during the trial. As said in the book, "When Dill, Jem, and I heard the verdict, we were that I just kept looking around and underneath us. Jem's shoulders jerked as if every 'guilty' was a separate stab between them. Jem had angry tears."

On the other hand, I did not understand why Tom would run over the

fence to escape jail. My father could have possibly gotten him out of jail if he would have waited long enough. Instead of waiting patiently in the jail cell he decided to hop the fence. He wound up dying at the end of it because he hopped the fence so what a happy ending huh.

In conclusion, the whole trial and everything that happened after that was just unfair. First, the trial verdict was just totally wrong. The trial verdict should have been more reasonable. Second, the trial was messed up. MayElla basically gave away that she made up everything and her father is who really did that and they didn't do anything about that. Mr. Ewell should have went to prison instead of Tom. No good came out of this trial.