

MACOMB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

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The Tom Robinson case was a really silly case for the courthouse. Tom couldn't have "raped" Mayella Ewell because his left arm was caught in a cotton gin, based on what Bob and Mr. Tate testified Mayella had been hit in her right eye. Meaning that her attacker must have hit her with his left arm, the arm that Tom Robinson can't even use.

Not only was the whole case a lie, but it was also emotionally damaging. Tom's wife had to start working after Tom died which was fine until Bob Ewell started verbally harassing her. Link Dees had to walk with her and shout at the Ewells house, and when Bob came around Link's shop he was shooed away. Think of Tom's children none as old as Mayella or Jem, but 6 and 7 year olds never knowing their father, and not understanding why this happened.

I think that this town is a very special place, and yet a horrible place. People like Bob Ewell destroying someone's life, and family, just because he wants to, makes the town a horrible place. People like Ms. Maudie and Atticus make our town such an adventure, they don't treat us kids like kids, they honor our opinion and actually listen to what we have to say.

Can you imagine if we lived in a town with more Bob Ewells, its already frightening with one Bob Ewell. We would fall apart but even then, one Atticus could maybe not change it, but

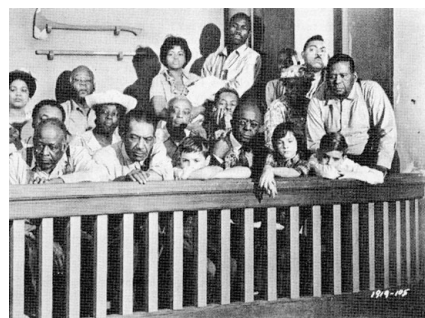


Atticus Finch and Tom Robinson

could comfort and listen and care about everybody no matter their skin color, White or Black. That's what our town needs, more people like Ms. Maudie and Atticus then maybe Boo Radley would come out. People like my father Atticus Finch know that the case wasn't going to be won, but the judge chose my father because he knew that Atticus would give a fair fight. Because Atticus is the person that will fight fairly and bravely

for any person, no matter their skin color. Atticus is one of the smartest, fairest, calm person I know, and he knew that he would loose, but he still fought anyway.

-Jean Louise Finch



Robinson's Friends and Family watching from above



Atticus Finch's Closing Statement