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Tom Robinson's Fate, a tragic loss, but not a reason to give up.

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Tom Robinson was accused of the heinous crime of rape. He was accused of raping nineteen year old Mayella Ewell. He was tried and found guilty. We were sentenced to death, as rape is unfortunately a capital offense. While in prison he was shot, and killed. He was said to be trying to escape. This was seen as a just fate for this poor man. But the evidence presented in the trial clearly shows that Tom Robinson was an innocent man. His family were members of the black church congregation. He was a nice, kind, hard working man. He did not deserve what he got, and things such as this need to be stopped. But we can't stop this with more violence and aggression. Only

with peace and understanding can we make the world a better place.

Tom Robinson was denied a fundamental right as an American, the right to a fair trial. He did not have a jury of his peers. Instead the jury was full of white southerners. Tom Robinson was clearly innocent. All the evidence pointed to the fact that he was framed by the Ewells. These men had prejudices against blacks, and took that into account when reaching their verdict. The men in that jury did not consider that despite their prejudices, Tom Robinson was still a man. All life that God put on this earth is valuable, and should be treated as such. What kind of Christians are they, to sentence a fellow innocent man to death?

There was no real evidence supporting that he took advantage of Mayella Ewell. But it was his word, against the word of a white man so he got convicted. Despite of how terrible this loss is we can not respond with violence. God wants us to fight this peacefully, the way Tom Robinson might have wanted. If we are violent then we are no better than the racists. We have to show that we are better than that by not stooping to their level.

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Violence will only cause more problems, and more deaths. Peaceful protest is the only way to create equality in this county. We must not fight hate with more hate. We should fight hate with peace.

We have not lost the battle for racial equality. we may have even moved forward in it. Although Tom Robinson was killed, many white people from Maycomb were upset by what happened. Someday they will see that the way we treat black people in this country is wrong, and will one day live in a more equal society.

So don't fight the white oppression with violence, fight it with peace. Many people are angry about his death, but Tom robinson was a kind peaceful innocent man, who just wanted to help a young woman in need. we should not have died. In his memory we should fight for our equal rights in a peaceful non-violent way. Violence will only cause more problems. Violence never solve anything This is the what we need to do in order to get what we want. this is what we need to do in order to make sure that all people in this country are created equal. This is what god wants, and this is what Tom Robinson wanted. Tom Robinson was innocent, and his death was tragic, but we should not respond with violence.