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The Tom Robinson Trial

Tom Robinson, a black cripple of Maycomb, is being convicted of raping 19 year old, Maella Ewell. The trial will take place at the Maycomb Courthouse.

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✕ **The Tom Robinson Vs. Mayella Ewell Case** ✕

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Ham Costume

If you are in the Astra Per Aspera play here is how to make the ham costumes.

- 60ft- Chicken wire
- 50 sq.ft.- Brown fabric
- 1 can- Brown paint



Bend the chicken wire to the shape of a cured ham. Then cover it with the brown cloth and paint it to resemble a ham.

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Ever since 1619 when the first African slaves stepped foot on American soil, or in 1001 A.D when Leif Ericson first colonized in Newfoundland or even back when Europeans had Africans as their slaves, whites have always considered anyone who doesn't look like them as aliens. Now some of you who may be reading this are disagreeing with this stance, but let me paint a brief illustration of my perspective.

During the trial of Mayella Ewell vs. Tom Robinson, Mr.Gilmer, the prosecutor, disdained Tom Robinson as if he were scum. He called him a boy on numerous occasions, he constantly sneered at him, and he even looked at the jury every time he answered indicating that Tom was just another lying nigger who deserved to shut away some where in a jail cell. He also addressed to the Tom in a certain tone. He talked to him in a malicious nature. You can also deliberate on how some of our residents treated the Finch's. Since they are advocates for the civil rights of blacks, residents like Mrs.Dubose and Cecil Jacobs uttered vile things to them about their beliefs. Mrs.Dubose perpetually taunted Jem and Scout Finch about their father being no better than the "niggers and trash" he works for. And Cecil Jacobs broadcasted aloud that "Scout Finch's daddy is a defends niggers".

Despite all the condemnation, I esteem Atticus for his reaction. Atticus said that when people call you a nigger-lover, it's their derogative way of calling people who love blacks. When they call you that, it's because they think you like negroes more than themselves, but he said you must always try to love everyone matter how they conduct themselves towards you. I also recall reading Mr.B. B. Underwood's editorial in the Maycomb Tribune about Tom Robinson's death. Although he's a racist, Mr.Underwood forcefully surmises that Tom's death was a senseless slaughter. He states that it's a sin to kill cripples, whether standing, sitting, or escaping, just like it's a sin to kill a mockingbird. And last, even a mere adolescent contradicts with with the inhumane behavior towards blacks. Charles Baker "Dill" Harris gets sick to the stomach watching Mr.Gilmer disregard Tom during the trial.

Therefore, I vigorously urge Maycomb County to modify their perception of blacks. They too have living souls that merit liberty and life, they do not deserve to be brushed to the side. We should use Mr.Atticus Finch response as an infrastructure to our transformation. We should try to love everyone. So Maycomb please repress the vicious progression of racism!

Change Your Perception Of Blacks

Maycombians please change the way you think of African Americans. They are people too, they deserve our respect, our God-given love, and they deserve life.

RESPONSES TO THE TOM ROBISON CASE

Mr. Underwood simply figured it was a sin to kill cripples, be they standing, sitting, or escaping. He likened Tom's death to the senseless slaughter of songbirds by hunters and children, and Maycomb thought he was trying to write an editorial poetical enough to be reprinted in *The Montgomery Advertiser*.

How could this be so, I wondered, as I read Mr. Underwood's editorial. Senseless killing—Tom had been given due process of law to the day of his death; he had been tried openly and convicted by twelve good men and true; my father had fought for him all the way. Then Mr. Underwood's meaning became clear: Atticus had used every tool available to free men to save Tom Robinson, but in the secret courts of men's hearts Atticus had no case. Tom was a dead man the minute Mayella Ewell opened her mouth and screamed.

-Scout Finch of Maycomb Country

"I tell you there are some good but misguided people in this town. Good, but misguided. Folks in this town who think they're doing right, I mean. Now far be it from me to say who, but some of 'em in this town thought they were doing the right thing a while back, but all they did was stir 'em up. That's all they did."

-Mrs. Merriweather of Maycomb County

"I don't care one speck. It ain't right, somehow it ain't right to do 'em that way. Hasn't anybody got any business talkin' like that—it just makes me sick."

- "Dill" Harris

"Scout," said Atticus, "nigger-lover is just one of those terms that don't mean anything—like snot-nose. It's hard to explain—ignorant, trashy people use it when they think somebody's favoring Negroes over and above themselves. It's slipped into usage with some people like ourselves, when they want a common, ugly term to label somebody."

"You aren't really a nigger-lover, then, are you?"

"I certainly am. I do my best to love everybody... I'm hard put, sometimes—baby, it's never an insult to be called what somebody thinks is a bad name. It just shows you how poor that person is, it doesn't hurt you. So don't let Mrs. Dubose get you down. She has enough troubles of her own."

-Atticus and Scout Finch

