

## *Social Division in Our*

*Society*



### **In the perspective of Atticus**

We've seen through the Tom Robinson trial the injustice in our community. The only solution to this is in our future generations; we have to raise our kids differently. As citizens of Maycomb we must redirect ourselves toward a better tomorrow and treat every citizen no matter of ethnic background equally. After this trial we have witnessed sorrow and a negative division amongst us as neighbors for a man accused of a crime which evidence clearly shows he did not commit. After a verdict of Tom Robinson being charged guilty we can clearly see that there are issues that must be addressed in order to re-form not only Maycomb but the society with the prejudice we live in.



Myself & Scout (daughter)

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Being as though Tom Robinson was a black male, he was going up against the word of a white woman which he clearly was going to be judged solely off of skin color no matter what he actually had to say to prove his innocence. Therefore Thomas was guilty before the trial began. In the event proper evidence was presented it still would not measure up to the harsh racism that existed in Maycomb County. As adults this is what we are showing our children, this is what they grow up accustomed to and recognize as normal; where as it is all ignorance and inhumane. As a result of this we are only driving ourselves further into a hole as a society. In order to get better we must not see color, and instead see people for whats on the inside. I am a forgiving person and willing to see the good and bad in people.

Our current school systems even project the “close minded-ness” into the behavior of our children. For this very reason, I also do not agree with our school system. Stereotypes, and derogatory terms such as “nigger lover” are even being taught to our

children which are our only chance to reform our community and come together. These negative actions amongst each other are accepted, and allows for people to be prejudice. Kids being raised in such a way will only lead to more of the same behavior from them throughout their life which will only lead to the same discriminatory behaviors.

Even if Maycomb were to suddenly have a change of heart against racism, it would still go against the dynamic of the socially acceptable attitude during the present day. Racism isn’t just in Maycomb County, it is a part of the world we live in. Changes can be made through progress, though Maycomb is isolated it could be vital to reforming our society, then little by little rub off on everyone so that they will not partake in prejudice acts, though they have only become socially acceptable in the present day.

As citizens we must come together to realize where we have made faults. We must not discriminate against people who were not like us. “Most people are nice once you get to

know them” As citizens of Maycomb we must redirect ourselves toward a better tomorrow and treat every citizen no matter of ethnic background equally. After this trial we have witnessed sorrow and a negative division amongst us as neighbors for a man accused of a crime which evidence clearly shows he did not commit.



above Myself & Tom Robinson at the trial

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