



## Upset Citizens

This trial was appalling. If you want my opinion there should not have been one. What has this world come to? A nigger should not even have the right for a court case if he is against a white man. This boy should have been put in jail from the moment he was accused. And now there's talk about an appeal! Where have we lost our senses?

Dave Smith

I was grieved to hear about the outcome of this trial. Is there no justice left in anyone's heart anymore? It is not fair to condemn a man based on his skin colour rather than his actions. I am grateful towards Atticus Finch, a just man, who gave his all defending Tom Robinson. I wish that we only had more people in this world that share his values.

George Wallace

Biggest turnout ever seen at the old Maycomb County Courthouse as

## **BLACK MAN WAS ACCUSED OF RAPE**

Braxton Underwood  
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Tom Robinson, seen on the right, appeared in court last Tuesday with charges of rape. The accuser's father, Robert Ewell claims that he was chopping wood when he heard his daughter scream. He ran to the house and saw Tom Robinson raping Mayella and proceeded to chase him away. According to the victim, Mayella Ewell, she asked Tom to chop up a chiffarobe for her, when she went to get him a nickel for the work he did, he jumped on her. "She was bunged up on the right side of her face." "...her arms were bruised and she showed me her neck. There were definite finger marks around her gullet." Testified Heck Tate, the sheriff of Maycomb County. Mr. Tate received a call from Mr. Ewell after the incident had occurred and was the first on the scene.

According to the nature of Mayella's injuries claims Atticus Finch, the lawyer of Tom Robinson, it would appear as



though the attacker grabbed her by the throat with his right hand and punched her with his left. This shows that the attacker was left handed. Atticus went on to prove to the court room that Bob Ewell was left handed and that Tom Robinson's left arm was crippled and useless.

According to the defendant, Tom Robinson he was asked by Mayella to step on a chair and fetch a box for her. Mayella jumped on him and kissed him. Bob Ewell saw this from the window and screamed at Mayella, threatening to kill her. Tom says he was scared and ran as fast as he could away from the house. He says Mr. Ewell then proceeded to hurt his daughter for what she had done and framed him for what had happened.

Despite the evidence for Tom Robinson, he was found guilty. However, there is talk about an appeal; Atticus Finch has no intent on give up.