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What Made Them Choose the Verdict?

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Tom Robinson's sentence was chosen because of fear of the things people might think. What people in the town might think of the decision and what might be said about it. Living in a small town is hard because everyone knows everyone else's business. When you make a decision that everyone else can see the affects of then gossip and rumors get around for what they think you are or what you've done.

We all know what is right and wrong. That is how we grew up but then we have to know what the real world was like. When you meet new people then you find out what they expected you to be. Then you try to live up to those expectations. If you don't you're not "accepted" by them any longer. That is what the jurors were afraid of; being accepted after saying what they truly thought was right.

Many of us have adapted to what others think of us and live up to those standards some by choice others by nature. Such as when people were calling Atticus and his family "Nigger lovers" just because he was defending a black man in court. The choice made by that jury could have well been honest choices with no influence from what others say. The question is who would dare want to sentence a black man who was being accused by the Ewells, a white family. At that point it didn't matter weather or not the Ewells had the best reputation in town or what. The choice was made over a long discussion. This tells you they were thinking about setting him free but because of the small confinement we live in where word gets around, the jurors chose what was chosen at most other cases convicting a black man; the verdict was guilty

It is only human nature for people to wonder what others are thinking of them. This only magnifies when you only have limited people that you talk to on a day to day bases. The things that we find out about what others think of us gets into our heads and we over-think what we need to do to earn the "respect" of what others think. Human nature is when we want to know what others are thinking to make them either think the opposite or strengthen that thought in their head. Not everyone gets the decisions others make or why they make those decisions. For example how people don't get the decision that I have made in life to marry a black woman so to help them try to understand I go around town acting like I'm drunk. That gives them an excuse to blame my choice in life on. As humans we explain it one of two ways. Through our actions, whether those be fake or real actions or through our words. The saying, "Actions speak louder than words" is true in this sense of what people see versus what they are told.

The choices we make in life have an affect on everyone we meet because they already have an expectation of what you should be like or what people like you should be like. everything you do has a consequence, Whether that consequence is deserved or not is up to you or in this case, the jury for Tom Robinson. sometimes decisions are made for others and not everyone agrees with what the decision was but that means that the case may not be done with. The thing is if Tom made a different decision the day he tried to run away then maybe he would still be alive and maybe a different decision would be made about what should be done for his sentence.

We make decisions every second of our lives and those choices can be ones that are smart or ones that aren't so smart. Many of our choices are made based on what we know about what others will say about the decision. That is what happened that day when the verdict was stated that Tom was guilty.

