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Dear Maycomb County,

I am writing this article to talk about the blind spots of the white man towards the black people. I would like to talk about how through my eyes Maycomb used to be a nice city where everything was fine and calm, and after Tom Robinson was accused of a crime he didn't do, and died for trying to run for his freedom. Everything changed. He was accused only because he was black not because of the actual evidence at his trial. Reverend Sykes even told Jem "I ain't ever seen any jury decide in favor of a colored man over white man...." Usually when a black man is convicted there is true evidence against them. This was way different, there was no evidence against Tom Robinson, there was evidence showing that Tom Robinson wasn't guilty. The jury didn't even consider that all they saw was a black man against a white man.



White people shouldn't treat black people like animals just because of the way they look or how dark their skin color is. I feel no matter who or what you are, we should all be treated equally. Like Atticus said about that Thomas Jefferson "All men are created equal" (Harper Lee 205). If all men are created equally why aren't they treated equally? This city has been blind for way too long, we must see people differently and also learn about how they live and act but not by their skin color.



Evidence about this trial is when Tom Robinson died trying to escape from jail for his freedom, Tom died because he got shot seventeen times running away from something that he didn't even do, this is an act of racism because the cops didn't see a man running from jail the saw a black man running so they had to shoot him not once or twice but seventeen times.



When I was up in the African American Booth in the Court, i noticed Rev. Syke's facial expressions change throughout the whole time we were in court. In the time the jury was out for their discussion of their findings, Rev. was telling me about the kinds of injustice that has happened in the time he lived. One story was that he was 7 when his dad was in the cotton fields and found some potatoes and didn't give them to his slave owner and he was beaten for hours. He said that for a boy like me to experience something do harsh at age 7. I knew there that this is not fair at all. Of course I was paying attention to the trial, but that was pretty bad. Rev. Sykes is a really nice and true man.

I have seen the life of black people, they live like us and act like us. The difference are that they have different houses and have less rights. They go to church like us and eat like us. They are humans but we treat them like trash or animals. Sadly that's how they live in our society.

We should give the black people the same rights that we have because after all we are not different we are all equal and we shouldn't treat them different just because they look different, like Tom robinson was treated different along as all the black community I'm here because i do not understand why we do what we do to them and they still have no equal rights we took them from their lands and families to america also put them as slaves working for free under our rules and they still have not equal rights even though we are the same.
Sincerely yours,