Reactions to the Trial – Working on Writing Explanations

Harper Lee uses the trial to show us more about certain people in Maycomb. It is at this point that we start to realize that maybe everyone does not agree with the way things are in the town, but feel they are not able to do anything about it.

**Using the following thesis, find quotations to support it and write an explanation (like in a formal paragraph or essay) that clearly links your ideas back to the thesis using key words from the thesis.**

*The different reactions to the verdict of Tom Robinson’s trial reveal that although Maycomb is flawed in many ways, there is still hope for them to change in the future.*

**Find a quotation** that demonstrates each of the following points and write an **explanation** linking the quotation back to the thesis.

Don’t forget, an explanation needs to use **key words from the thesis** AND **an argumentative word** (demonstrating, proving, illustrating,…) to link the quotation back to the thesis

1. Miss Maudie’s explanation of what jury being out for so long demonstrates.
2. Jem and/or Dill’s reaction to what happened in the trial.
3. Mr. Dolphus Raymond’s way of living.
4. Atticus’ reaction to the verdict.
5. The African American community’s reaction to the verdict (at the time, and the next day).