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At the beginning of chapter 9, Atticus tells Scout that if he listened to the townspeople and refused to defend Tom Robinson, he “couldn’t even tell [her] or Jem not to do something again.” What does Atticus mean by this statement? What does this reveal about his feelings about this case and about Tom Robinson’s innocence? How does this compare to the reaction of some townspeople to hearing that Atticus is defending an African American? Infer why people in the town disagree with Atticus’s decision to represent Tom Robinson. Support your response with evidence from the text.



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