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In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a novel by Harper Lee, Jean Louise "Scout" Finch, through her many experiences, came to realize many lessons. Two of which follow: who it is sinful to harm and the understanding of others. She achieved them when observing Tom Robinson's trial and standing on the Radleys' porch.

Scout learned that it is a sin to hurt someone who doesn't do harm to others. Tom Robinson was a man who worked hard to support his family; he never did harm to anyone else. He was accused of rape and brought to court. Although he was clearly innocent, he was convicted and sent to jail. Soon after, he was shot and killed because he, supposedly, attempted to escape. Scout discovered it was immoral to wrong one who doesn't wrong others in that Tom Robinson, and good man, was killed as a result of something he never did.

Scout also learned that the only way you can truly understand someone is by walking around in their shoes. Many of the kids in Maycomb had the impression that Arthur "Boo" Radley was an evil person because his nature was mysterious. She never really understood him until the end of the novel. After walking Boo to his house, Scout looked at the town from the porch, Boo's point of view. She saw Maycomb how Boo had always seen it. At that point, she understood Boo. Scout learned that you cannot understand someone until you see things through his eyes in that she achieved a new perception of Boo when she observed her town from his front porch.

Both of the lessons portrayed are essential in the full development of Scout's awareness of the world. The lesson she learned from Tom Robinson gives her a moral outlook on her behavior toward others. The lesson Boo Radley revealed to her allows her to think before making an assumption about someone. Tom Robinson and Boo Radley granted Scout two very necessary lessons of life.

