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Model Morals

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Moral integrity guides Atticus' job; it is a staple in his life, making it his strongest

personality trait. He stands for what he believes in, literally and figuratively, even if his opinion

is not popular or respected. Atticus is defending Tom Robinson—something everyone in the

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town disapproves of. When a small mob appears outside Robinson's cell to do him harm, Atticus

wards them off. "You know what we want Mr. Finch," another man said. "Get aside from the

door, Mr. Finch." "You can turn around and go home again, Walter," Atticus said pleasantly"

(202). Atticus, because of his sense of morality, protects his defendant, even risking getting shot.

He knows the mob's intentions, but calmly stands firm—indicated by his pleasant tone voiced in

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the text as well as his refusal to move. In addition to physical defense, Atticus is representing

Tom Robinson in court, even though he knows it will probably be a losing case. Atticus states,

"Simply because we were licked a hundred years before we started is no reason for us not to try

to win" (101). A fuller understanding of Atticus' strong morals come from the quote. Everyone

in the town knows Atticus will lose, including himself, and is uncomfortable with his

involvement with a black man, therefore leading to a distrust of Atticus and his professional

reputation. Politically, defending Robinson is the worst decision of his career; however, Atticus

does not care. It is clear that morality is an important part of Atticus' character as it influences

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his choices and actions throughout his job.