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**Use the best evidence from the novel to support each of your answers.**

1. What does Cecil Jacobs announce at school about Atticus, and what does Scout do about it?

2. Who is Tom Robinson? Why is Atticus defending him? Why does Judge Taylor appoint Atticus?

3. How does Atticus explain his reasons for defending Tom Robinson? What factors influenced his choice to take the case seriously? How does he expect the case will turn out?

4. What is a possible reason (s) why Atticus believes that Tom Robinson will not win his case? Explain.

5. Scout is intrigued by the reasons Atticus gives for defending Tom, Especially the final one: "I couldn't tell you or Jem not to do something again." What can be inferred about why Atticus would say such a thing?

6. Atticus says, "Simply because we were licked a hundred years before we started is no reason for us not to try to win" (101). What does he mean? Explain the significance of this statement.