



Journal: Malcolm Gladwell Quotation

Writer Malcolm Gladwell maintains that Atticus is not the hero that many readers believe him to be because of the way he uses the redneck stereotype to his advantage in the trial. Atticus highlights several aspects of Bob Ewell's life that fit the stereotype. He also implies that Bob Ewell has an incestuous relationship with his daughter, another characteristic sometimes associated with this stereotype.

Read the following quote from Gladwell:

Finch wants his white, male jurors to do the right thing. But as a good Jim Crow liberal he dare not challenge the foundation of their privilege. Instead, Finch does what lawyers for black men did in those days. He encourages them to swap one of their prejudices for another.

Journal your response to this criticism.
