#5: Mob Mentality

“So it took an eight-year-old child to bring ‘em to their senses, didn’t it?” said Atticus. “That proves something—that a gang of wild animals *can* be stopped, simply because they’re still human. Hmp, maybe we need a police force of children . . . you children last night made Walter Cunningham stand in my shoes for a minute. That was enough.”

--Atticus Finch

- What exactly is mob mentality? What do you think “mob mentality” is?
- What are some historical problems that have been the result of mob mentality? Do you see any examples of mob mentality in contemporary society?
- What are some things that cause it? Why are mobs so dangerous?
- Why do you think that people act differently in a large group?
- How did Scout make Walter Cunningham walk in Atticus’ shoes?
- What did Scout really do to break up the mob? Consider this in terms of her innocence.
- Why did the mob break up after just one person came to his senses? What does this say about individuals participating in mobs?