

A Time To Kill--Day 1 Film Notes Discussion

Arrested by Ozzie Walls in bar:

shoe she didn't die
→ treated w/ disrespect
→ Confed. flag

Carl Lee's conversation with Jake--similar case last year:

→ what would you do? → revenge
→ 4 white men got off

Foreshadowing: "Hyenas, get what's coming to them, an eye for an eye"

Harry Rex → revenge/Karma

Carl Lee's attack:

→ kills - premeditated
→ injures Looney

Carl Lee in jail:

- no remorse for killing
- baldy: Looney, their mothers

Rufus Buckley--keep case in town:

→ majority white → BIAS

Discussion with Lucian--justice: "If you win this case, justice will prevail, and if you lose, justice will also prevail. Now that is a strange case."

Carl Lee murdered - show racism - preventing men from being released → honest (fair trial)

Revival of the Klan

→ funeral → Freddie Lee Cobb (bro's friend)

Call to Jake's family:

→ threat: Carl Lee walks → Jake dies

FILM DAY 2 NOTES

Interaction between Jake and Buckley (D.A.)

- know each other → guilty: life sentence
- Sarcastic

"Not Guilty"

- insanity → Killing was not premeditated

Discussion in Carl Lee's Cell--\$900

\$10,000 → capital murder case
"have to live"

Ellen Roark:

- researcher - wants to help Jake
- law student, family involved in law, rich

Visit to Looney:

Family Reaction: upset, don't want him there

Carl Lee's "Confession":

knows what he was doing → lower 1/2 leg amputated

Klan Applications:

→ need 6 people → Does Jake have family? → "Good"
Church/Visit from NAACP: new lawyer → black

Induction to the Klan:

- police officer
- brother of deceased (Freddie)

Burning Cross:

KKK - warned by "Mickey Mouse"

Carla's Reaction:

Carl Lee's Conversation at the Jail:

Tonya's Healing: can't ever have children
 ↳ play/jump

Church Collection:

↳ \$ lawyer > haven't gotten any \$

NAACP: new lawyer → black/supporting of
 -Civil Rights Case

Attack #2 at Jake's:

bomb

Denial for Change of Venue/Conversation with Judge:

going to be biased anywhere → drop the case

Attack at Ethel's Home:

↳ husband attacked by KKK

Roark vs. Jake on the death penalty:

↓ against
 seen it > supports
 Who decides when?

-Jake's conversation with Roark:

- keep pictures of dead rapists out of court
- admit the rape
- acknowledges that she has passion--something he and Carl Lee need
- "It's not just Carl Lee I'm trying to get off."

-Jury Selection:

Jake's challenges: old people
 Buckley's challenges: blacks

-Riots in the streets:

KKK → Carl Lee side vs. Cobb/Willard side

-KKK Meeting--death of leader:

↳ fire (riot)

-Signs of KKK-->burning cross at the jail and Jake's house--burns down

-Harry Rex:

"go see your family"

-Max

(obj) ↳ symbol → hope

Ethel's husband dies:

"no one wins"

-Harry Rex encourages Roark to cheat: "Cheat like crazy":

credibility of psychiatrist

*Jurors at dinner: 7 = guilty 1 = not guilty 4 = undecided

Roark goes undercover:

- information → evaluations/records

Looney's testimony:

"He's a hero; you turn him loose!" - not angry
- would have done the same - sympathizes w/ Carl Lee

Testimony of the state's doctor:

• sanity of Carl Lee → sane

Willard aempts to shoot Jake-->hits cop instead

Kidnapping of Roark:

- "police officer"

Freed:

Defense's psychiatrist's credibility questioned:

↳ convicted of rape → Jake proves: consensual, married, children

Carl Lee's Testimony:

- rape → victim

Cross Examination:

- deserved to die → murdered

Carla comes to see Jake:

↳ what if it was Hanna?

Jake and Carl Lee in his cell:

- "You're one of them."
- "We're on different sides on the line."
- "Our kids will never play together."
- "Imagine you're on the jury; what would it take to convince you to set me free? That's how you save me."

Closing Arguments:

Buckley: Guilty, Guilty, Guilty!"

Jake:

Apology: young/inexperienced
Truth: doctor
Attack: Rape described

White Jury ⊗ "Now imagine she's white."

Arrest of Freddie and Hastings (cop):

Roark Kidnapping

Picnic at Carl Lee's Home:

↳ change in Jake → "Kids play together"