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### Chapters 1-5 Reflection

The first five chapters of this book were intriguing. Living in the United States, inequality is still seen with people of color and whites quite often. However, this book dives deep and gives insight into how severe and corrupted the criminal justice system is. The story of John Evans was one that I will never forget reading in this book. I was so surprised and saddened how cruel his death was. The fourteen minutes of pain, and agony after the malfunction of the electrocution chair shows how senseless they were. John Evans was not of African descent, but he was a criminal who had accounts of robbery, kidnapping and more.

Throughout these chapters, I was able to read upon the story of Walter McMillian who is charged for the murder of Ronda Morrison. A black man who did not have an unlawful record prior, was charged with a murder that has no trace of evidence. During 1986, it was illegal to date interracially. However, the unfairness and racism of the system corrupted McMillian's image to paint this picture of someone he was not. It was horrendous to read that he had a normal life. He had an affair with Karen Kelly, a white woman, and he was then considered a disgrace. We see that because of this, life and image is destroyed. The police officers, and sheriff had so much authority to pin a murder charge without concrete evidence, which was questionable.

Ralph Myers' "confession" was taken as evidence but Myers made up the whole storyline, with the knowledge of the sheriff. This makes you think, can you really trust the criminal justice system? Is it all to solve cases, get the people who are wanting answers what

they want, answers? We see before our eyes the complete racism and infiltration of hate through the audience lens. It makes you question; is it still this way in our system too?