

The Trouble I've Seen

Name: _____

1. Why does Chickasaw County resist attempts to acknowledge the injustice that occurred at the expense of Malcolm Wright and his family?

2. The film quotes the Mayor of Houston, Mississippi, as saying: "If we've already closed it, you start the healing process of a wound. You have another wound that you want to reopen. Reopening a wound, it takes longer to heal." Do you agree with him? Does correcting the historical record of past violence and injustice reopen old wounds? Does it help or hinder the chance for a community to heal?

3. Summarize the story of John Earl Reese. How was justice denied in his case? How was the history of his murder erased?

4. What did Kaylie Simon, the law student, do to try to correct the injustice done to Reese? Did she succeed?

5. How has this film helped you think about the consequences of forgetting or ignoring past violence and injustice? What about the consequences of remembering?
