

12 ANGRY MEN ANTICIPATION GUIDE

In the space provided, write *Agree* or *Disagree* for each statement based on your own personal beliefs and convictions. Then, in at least one complete statement, explain *why* you believe what you do. You must choose a side. (Leave the last column blank to complete after reading the play.)

Statement	Agree or Disagree?	Before Reading	After Reading
It is easy to hold an opinion that is not the majority.			
If someone is found guilty of a crime by court of law, then that person is guilty of that crime.			
If I found myself in a courtroom, I would want a jury <i>of my peers</i> to decide my fate.			
Certain people are more likely to commit a crime than others.			
Everyone is innocent until proven guilty.			
The Judicial System is always fair and impartial.			
A jury should be required to reach a majority vote, NOT a unanimous decision on a defendant's guilt/innocence.			
Everyone has some biases.			
Victims/victims' families should have a say in the defendant's punishment.			
The death penalty is the appropriate penalty for certain crimes.			

SERVING ON A JURY

VIDEO AND ACTIVITY

Answer the following prompts while/ after watching the jury duty video shown in class.

1. How did our Founding Fathers demonstrate that they felt a trial by jury was an important right for an American citizen to possess?
2. How might jury duty be a problem for some people? Why do you think some people might think that jury duty is an inconvenience?
3. What were some of the emotions or feelings some of the jurors in the video felt? Explain.
4. What is the difference between a criminal and a civil case? Explain each.
5. What is “voir dire”? How does this term/action factor into a trial and its jurors?
6. What might be some reasons a prosecuting or defending attorney might dismiss a juror from a case?
7. What does the video state a juror should be doing during the case? Why is this?
8. What should happen at the end of the trial when the jurors meet in private? How are problems handled?
9. What are three things you must be or have in order to be selected for jury duty? Name all 3 with explanations if necessary.
10. Why did the jurors in the video say they felt it was important to serve on a jury? Explain.