### **Jury of Your Peers**

#### Name \_\_\_\_\_

One of our constitutional rights state that if we are accused of a crime, we are entitled to a lawyer and a court case heard by a jury of our peers. By what does this mean?

JURY:

#### PEERS:

Why do you think our founding fathers thought it was a good idea for court cases to be decided by a jury of peers instead of by a judge?

**Directions**: Using your assigned Crime Card along with your potential juror list, imagine yourself as a lawyer defending the person that has been charged with a crime. Choose 12 jurors, from the possible 18, based on their profiles that you would like to have on your jury. Record your choices in the table below and then explain your reasoning in the space provided.

#### A few notes first -

I am defending a person accused of...

I already know I definitely don't want anyone like this on my jury...

## My Choice

JURORS	Explanation and reasoning for juror choices (2-3 sentences)
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# My Choice - I do not want these people on my jury

JURORS	Explanation and reasoning for omitting jurors (2-3 sentences)
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#### Some final things...

In a trial, what is the prosecution? What is the defense? (1-3 sentences)

Why might a defense lawyer choosing jury members NOT want people who have been victims of crimes on the jury? Why might the prosecuting lawyer WANT those people on the jury? Explain. (2-3 sentences)

Reflect on your jury selection process. What strategy did you adopt with your choices? What were you looking for? What were you avoiding? How hard or easy was it to pick a jury you felt comfortable with based on your client's crime? Explain. (4-5 sentences)