

Meet the Jurors of 12 Angry Men

Directions: Listen as your teacher reads the descriptions of the 12 characters you are about to get to know in this play. Then, based on these descriptions, predict which one of the following characters will do the following actions or say the following lines. Explain your reasoning in the space provided. An example has been done for you.

Juror #1

A small, **petty** man who is impressed with the authority he has and handles himself quite formally. Not overly bright, but dogged.

Juror #2

A **meek**, hesitant man who finds it difficult to maintain any opinions of his own. Easily swayed and usually adopts the opinion of the last person to whom he has spoken.

Juror #3

A very strong, very forceful, extremely opinionated man within whom can be detected a streak of **sadism**. A humorless man who is intolerant of opinions other than his own and accustomed to forcing his wishes and views upon others.

Juror #4

Seems to be a man of wealth and position. A practiced speaker who presents himself well at all times. Seems to feel a little bit above the rest of the jurors. His only concern is with the facts in this case, and he is **appalled** at the behavior of the others.

Juror #5

A **naïve**, very frightened young man who takes his obligations in this case very seriously, but who finds it difficult to speak up when his elders have the floor.

Juror #6

An honest but dull-witted man who comes upon his decisions slowly and carefully. A man who finds it difficult to create positive opinions, but who must listen to and digest and accept those opinions offered by others which appeal to him most.

Juror #7

A loud, flashy, **glad-handed** salesman type who has more important things to do than to sit on a jury. He is quick to show temper, quick to form opinions on things about which he knows nothing. Is a bully and, of course, a coward.

Juror #8

A quiet, thoughtful, gentle man. A man who sees all sides of every question and constantly seeks the truth. A man of strength tempered with **compassion**. Above all, a man who wants justice to be done and will fight to see that it is.

Juror #9

A **mild**, gentle old man, long since defeated by life and now merely waiting to die. A man who recognizes himself for what he is and mourns the days when it would have been possible to be courageous without shielding himself behind his many years.

Juror #10

An angry, bitter man. A man who **antagonizes** almost at sight. A **bigot** who places no values on any human life save his own. A man who has been nowhere and is going nowhere and knows it deep within him.

Juror #11

A man who speaks with an accent and who is ashamed, humble, almost **subservient** to the people around him, but who will honestly seek justice because he has suffered through so much injustice.

Juror #12

A slick, bright advertising man who thinks of human beings in terms of percentages, graphs, and polls and has no real understanding of people. A **superficial** snob, but trying to be a good fellow.

Meet the Jurors of 12 Angry Men (continued)...

1. This juror is going to scream, "I'll kill him! I'll kill him!" about another juror.

I think it will be Juror #: I think this because...

2. This juror spends most of his time angry because he might miss the show he has tickets for that night.

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3. This juror explains that he probably understands one of the witnesses better than the other jurors do because of his age.

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4. This juror says, "It's not so easy for me to raise my hand and send a boy off to die without talking about it first."

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5. This juror says, "Look, you know how those people lie...they don't know what truth is...That's how they are. You know what I mean? Violent! Human life doesn't mean as much to them as it does to us."

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