

Twelve Angry Men Guided Reading Questions

For the questions below, answer them completely and accurately based on the reading of the text.

1. As each juror takes his turn explaining his reasoning, briefly note take their reasons below:

2nd Juror	
3rd Juror	
4th Juror	
5th Juror	
6th Juror	
7th Juror	
9th Juror	
10th Juror	
11th Juror	
12th Juror	
8th Juror	

2. Why is the knife an important piece of evidence in the crime puzzle? How do the jurors view its importance?

3. What is the 8th Juror’s proposition to the rest of the group on p.26? Why does he offer this? What does it say about him?

4. The secret ballot vote is _____ GUILTY and _____ NOT GUILTY. Why does this change? Who is responsible for the shift in numbers? What’s the reason for this?

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1. After the second vote, how do the other jurors react? Give a few examples of what some of them say or do. What does it say about their characters?
2. Who changed his vote? Explain.
3. What seems to be bothering the 8th Juror on p.30? What does it mean that this kind of thing bothers him?
4. How does the woman's testimony and the elevated train fit into the prosecution's case? What bothers the 8th Juror about the logic of these pieces of evidence?
5. On p.36, what does the 9th Juror have to say about the old man after the train discussion? How does he explain what the old man might have been doing through his testimony?
6. How does the 8th Juror explain the kid's language in terms of what the kid may have been heard saying? What seems logical about his argument? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. What happens at the conclusion of p.36? Why do you think this has happened? What does it mean for everybody else?