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12 Angry Men Jury Information Denman/Sullivan

Prior to reading and watching *12 Angry Men*, it is important to understand some key aspects in the justice system, especially how a jury functions. This questionnaire will help you understand the fundamental elements that every United States citizen must know with regard to jury duty. If you need more space, please use paper in your current unit section.

Step 1: Summarize the discussion you had with adults last night about jury duty. Be sure to include any strong opinions and things you did not already know.

Step 2: Use these links, which can also be found on the *12 Angry Men* tab on my website, to answer the following questions. You may also click to some of the other sites within these sites to find more information.

<https://www.learningtogive.org/resources/civic-responsibility>

<https://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/jury-service>

<https://criminal.findlaw.com/criminal-procedure/how-are-potential-jurors-selected.html>

<https://criminal.findlaw.com/criminal-law-basics/what-is-the-role-of-a-jury-in-a-criminal-case.html>

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/justice/2015/01/29/orig-how-trial-jury-selection-works.cnn>

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/citizenship-rights-and-responsibilities>

https://saylordotorg.github.io/text_introduction-to-the-law-of-property-estate-planning-and-insurance/s09-06-constitutional-rights-of-the-a.html

<https://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/beyond+a+reasonable+doubt>

<https://www.cnn.com/2013/07/19/us/death-penalty-fast-facts/index.html>

1. Why do citizens have to perform jury duty?
2. Who can be on a jury?
3. Who cannot be on a jury?
4. How does one get summoned to jury duty?

5. What is the difference between a criminal and civil trial?
6. What rights does an accused person have?
7. What is due process?
8. What is a jury of one's peers?
9. What does innocent until proven guilty mean? Explain its role in our justice system.
10. What does guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt" mean?
11. Summarize the history of the death penalty in our country. What do you think about it?

Step 3: What did you find in the webquest that substantiated the claims you heard in your discussions with adults?

Step 4: Write any question you have about the justice system.

Step 5: What problems do you think exist in the justice system today?