

12 Angry Men

Before the Movie Starts...

1. What is the role of a jury in a criminal trial?
2. What right does the accused have with regard to who determines his/her legal guilt or innocence?
3. How many jurors must agree in order to reach a verdict?
4. What happens if the jury does not reach a verdict?
5. What must the prosecution prove in order to get a guilty verdict?
6. What is “reasonable doubt”?
7. What is “burden of proof”?

After the Movie Begins.....

1. What crime is the defendant charged with?
2. What is the punishment for this crime?
3. Why did juror #8 vote “not guilty”?

Juror	Characteristics of Juror (physical or personality)	# of times voted guilty	Reason for Not Guilty Vote
1	Foreman;		
2			
3	Bully, biased. Runs “Beck and Call” messenger service.		
4			
5			
6			

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7			
8		0	1 (never votes guilty) Reason:
9	Older gentlemen.		
10			
11	Watchmaker, recent refugee and immigrant;		
12			

Evidence Analysis Chart

	Arguments in favor of “Guilty”	Arguments in favor of “Not Guilty”
<i>MOTIVE</i>		
<i>KNIFE</i>		
<i>WITNESS: WOMAN ACROSS THE STREET</i>		
<i>WITNESS: MAN WHO LIVED ON THE SECOND FLOOR</i>		
<i>ALIBI</i>		
<i>STAB WOUND</i>		
<i>TESTIMONY OF PSYCHIATRIST</i>		

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