

**Civics & Economics – 12 Angry Men Viewing Guide****Civil case****Criminal case**

Define preponderance of the evidence

Define reasonable doubt

**Burden of Proof**

1. Is this case a civil case or a criminal case? How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Which do you think is harder to prove: something by a preponderance of the evidence, or something beyond a reasonable doubt? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Describe the defendant. Include factors such as his age/background/socio-economic status. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What reasons does Henry Fonda's character originally give for voting not guilty? Are they good reasons? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Juror 10 stands up and gives a speech about "them." "I've lived among **them** all my life," he says. Who is he talking about? Why is this speech significant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. The jurors start giving their reasons for thinking the defendant is guilty, starting with Juror 1. Which of the reasons for their judgment are good reasons, in your opinion?  
**Good reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Not so good reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. In this film, the dissenting juror did something that was forbidden. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What is the significance of the knife? \_\_\_\_\_
9. After watching this movie, do you agree that verdicts in criminal trials should be unanimous? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. List advantages and disadvantages of the jury system.

Advantages: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Disadvantages: \_\_\_\_\_  
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