

English 3
Twelve Angry Men
Viewing Guide

This is a chart of the juror numbers and their location at the table. As you are watching the movie, take notes on the chart that will help you answer the viewing guide questions.

	Juror 1 (Foreman)	
Juror 12	Table	Juror 2
Juror 11		Juror 3
Juror 10		Juror 4
Juror 9		Juror 5
Juror 8		Juror 6
		Juror 7
Washroom	Fan	Washroom

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Following is the evidence and testimony that the jurors debate. How valid is this evidence and testimony? Explain.
 - a. The testimony of the female eyewitness from across the street:

 - b. The alleged murder weapon (the switchblade knife):

 - c. The testimony of the old man who lives below the murder victim and the defendant:

2. At the beginning of the jurors' debate, which juror votes not guilty? Why? How does he refute the evidence that is being used to support a guilty verdict?
 - a. The testimony of the female eyewitness from across the street:

 - b. The alleged murder weapon (the switchblade knife):

 - c. The testimony of old man who lives below the murder victim and the defendant:

 - d. What does this juror suggest about the defense attorney?

3. Which juror is racist? How does this affect his reasoning and judgment?

4. Which juror is more concerned with a baseball game than justice? How does this affect his reasoning and judgment?

5. Which juror has not seen his son in two years? Why? How does this affect his reasoning and judgment?

6. Which juror grew up in a similar neighborhood (i.e., a “slum”) to that of the defendant? How does this affect his reasoning and judgment?

7. Why does juror number 8 call for a secret ballot? What deal does he make with the other jurors before taking the secret ballot? How many jurors find the defendant not guilty during the secret ballot? Which one(s)? Why?

8. Who is the next juror to change his mind and vote not guilty? Why?

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12. Who are the next jurors to change their minds and vote not guilty? Why?

13. Who are the next jurors to change their minds and vote not guilty? Why?

14. Who is the last juror to change his mind and vote not guilty? Why?

15. What is the significance of the following quote by juror number 8? Explain.

It's always difficult to keep personal prejudice out of a thing like this. And wherever you run into it, prejudice always obscures the truth. I don't really know what the truth is. I don't suppose anybody will ever really know. Nine of us now seem to feel that the defendant is innocent, but we're just gambling on probabilities - we may be wrong. We may be trying to let a guilty man go free, I don't know. Nobody really can. But we have a reasonable doubt, and that's something that's very valuable in our system. No jury can declare a man guilty unless it's **sure**.