

## 12 Angry Men Vocabulary

### **Abstain**

To refrain from (in this case, voting).

### **Appall**

To shock or disgust.

### **Bigot**

Someone who is intolerant of another's beliefs, opinions, race, ethnicity, or differing characteristic(s).

### **Burden of proof**

The requirement to prove one's own case over another.

### **Coroner**

One who examines a dead body.

### **Cross-examine**

To question a witness called to testify for the other side.

### **Defendant**

Someone who is charged with a crime and brought to trial.

### **Defense**

Those representing the defendant; lawyers for the defendant.

### **Deliberate**

To discuss the facts of a case and come to a conclusion or guilt or innocence.

### **Dogged**

Strong-willed, persistent.

### **Elevated Train/ El train**

An above-ground public transportation train system.

### **Evidence**

That which is used to prove a point or case (in a court of law).

### **Homicide**

The unlawful killing of another person; murder.

### **Hung Jury**

When a jury cannot come to a unanimous decision and the case must be retried in front of a new jury.

### **Insignificant**

Unimportant

### **Intimidate**

To threaten, frighten or scare: to pressure someone into a decision or action.

### **Jury**

A group of people, most often twelve, chosen to judge a legal case and provide a verdict.

### **Premeditated**

Planned or thought out; intentional

### **Prosecution**

A lawyer or group of lawyers who presents those (the accuser) taking legal action against someone.

### **Reasonable doubt**

The idea that no other logical explanation can result from the provided evidence.

**Rifle**

To look through.

**Sadist**

Someone who harms others for his/her own gratification.

**Subservient**

Obedient, submissive; giving into the wishes of others.

**Superficial**

Shallow or phony; not sincere.

**Switchblade knife**

A pocket knife with a blade contained in the handle. It opens automatically when a button, lever, or switch on the handle is activated.

**Testimony**

The evidence given by a witness which may be given in a written or oral manner.

**Trial**

The public forum in which a case is tried before a judge and jury.

**Unanimous**

A decision in which all members of a group are in agreement.

**Verdict**

The decision of guilt or innocence issued by a jury after a trial.