

Of Mice and Men Trial

Characters needed:

Defense lawyer, DA, George, jury members

Situation:

After the story of Lennie's death ran in the newspaper, the DA decided that George was the most probable of all suspects in the senseless slaying of Lennie Small.

Rules:

The characters in this trial ONLY know what they have learned from the book. In other words, they have no omnipotent powers to know the real story of what happened in the woods. This trial is the real thing, folks, and the judge presides over her courtroom (that's me!).

Responsibilities:

Defense lawyer: build a case around George's innocence. Suggestions for defense arguments include, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, self-defense, innocent, etc. HINT: you may call character witnesses to the stand to testify...but it is your responsibility to ask another student to assume that role before the trial begins. You will turn in all written material at the end of the trial for points.

DA: You are adamant that Lennie was murdered. HINT: perhaps you should call character witnesses to the stand to establish that George had no reason to fear Lennie...it is your responsibility to ask another student to assume that role before the trial begins. You will turn in all written material at the end of the trial for points.

Jury members: You ultimately decide the fate of George. However, you are not going to get off easy by just sitting back and listening. You are to take notes on each witness to help you in your deliberations. After you vote on your decision, you are to write a paragraph explaining your decision. Your paragraph should be set up as follows:

Topic sentence: Identifying if you found George innocent or guilty.

3 supporting details: The three major reasons presented by the attorneys that made you vote the way you did.

Concluding sentence: Wrap up your decision and summarize the experience.

****All notes, written materials, and paragraphs are due on:_____**