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Mrs. Filor English 10

Vocabulary Lesson 1: *Twelve Angry Men*

Directions: Look up the following words in the dictionary and write down their definitions and their parts of speech.

“**Foreman** A small, petty man who is impressed with the authority he has and handles himself quite formally. Not overly bright, but dogged” (311).

1. petty— part of speech—

2. dogged— part of speech—

“**Juror Number Two** A meek, hesitant man who finds it difficult to maintain any opinions of his own. Easily swayed and usually adopts the opinion of the last person to whom he has spoken” (311).

3. meek— part of speech—

4. swayed— part of speech—

“**Juror Number Three** A very strong, very forceful, extremely opinionated man within whom can be detected a streak of sadism” (311).

5. sadism— part of speech—

“**Juror Number Five** A naïve, very frightened young man who takes his obligations in this case very seriously…” (311).

6. naïve— part of speech—

“**Juror Number Ten** An angry, bitter man. A man who antagonizes almost at sight. A bigot who places no values on any human life save his own” (312).

7. antagonize— part of speech—

8. bigot— part of speech—

“**Juror Number Eleven** A refugee from Europe who had come to this country in 1941. A man who speaks with an accent and who is ashamed, humble, almost subservient to the people around him” (312).

9. subservient— part of speech—

“Whichever way you decide the verdict must be unanimous” (312).

10. unanimous— part of speech—

“You have no monopoly on the truth—” (315).

11. monopoly— part of speech—

“I’ll abstain” (320).

12. abstain— part of speech—

“This is a quiet, frightened, insignificant man who has never had recognition—his name in the newspapers” (324).

13. insignificant— part of speech—

“The arrogance of him!” (334).

14. arrogance— part of speech—

“The vote is nine to three in favor of acquittal” (336).

15. acquittal— part of speech—

Legal Vocabulary

Directions: Write down the definitions of the following phrases as we go over them in class.

“THREE *looks off in another direction, the direction in which the defendant would be sitting*” (312).

16. defendant—

“Murder in the first degree—premeditated homicide—is the most serious charge tried in our criminal courts” (312).

17. premeditated homicide—

“If there is a reasonable doubt in your minds as to the guilt of the accused…then you must declare him not guilty” (312).

18. reasonable doubt—

“The burden of proof is on the prosecution” (316).

19. burden of proof—

“I’m ready to walk into court right now and declare a hung jury” (334).

20. hung jury—