

# Act I: Characterization

We learned a lot about the characters of "12 Angry Men" from their character descriptions at the beginning of the play, but we learned even more from the interactions they had with each other as we read.

Carefully re-read each of the quotes provided for you below. Then decide what influenced the characters most throughout the play: POWER, PREJUDICE, EMOTION, REASON, OR JUSTICE. Then, in a sentence or two, explain why.

**FOREMAN:** "Now—you gentlemen can handle this any way you want to. I mean, I'm not going to make any rules. If you want to discuss it first and then vote, that's one way. Or we can vote right now and see how we stand."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Juror 3:** "I'm telling you sometimes I think we'd be better off if we took these tough kids and slapped 'em down before they make trouble, you know?"

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Juror 4:** "I agree with you that the boy is guilty, but I think we should avoid emotionally colored arguments."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Juror 7:** "Listen – there are still eleven of us who think he's guilty. You're alone...So what are you going to do about it? We can be here all night."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Juror 8:** "There were eleven votes for guilty – it's not so easy for me to raise my hand and send a boy off to die without talking about it first."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Juror 10:** "They're no good. There's not one of 'em who's any good. We better watch out. Take it from me."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Juror 11:** "I have always thought that a man was entitled to have unpopular opinions in this country. This is the reason I came here. I wanted to have the right to disagree."

Influenced by \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_