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Dear English 12 Students,

Principal

Martin G. McDonald

We look forward to meeting each of you in the fall! Your summer reading this year is *Twelve Angry Men*, by Reginald Rose. You may purchase this book new at Books-A-Million or any online bookseller, or used at McKay (in Knoxville). If you prefer an online copy of the text, go to <http://www.umass.edu/legal/Hilbink/250/12Angry.pdf> or simply Google "*Twelve Angry Men* full text."

Published in 1954, this three-act play portrays a jury deliberating over the fate of an eighteen-year-old boy accused of murder. One juror refuses to vote guilty, and the story centers on the discussion between this man and the rest of the jurors as they grapple with their own biases and prejudices. This process also provides insight into the American institution of trial by jury and whether or not justice is always served.

Assistant Principals

Beth Estep

Amber Henry

B. Scotty Herrell

Stephanie Thompson

While reading this book, you will complete the following tasks:

1. Juror Tracking Sheet (attached)

Use this sheet to record specific textual information about each juror. You should collect information that indicates voting history in the case, attitudes towards the judicial process and individual responsibility as a juror, particular details that identify personality, and any changes in attitude that occur over the course of the play. Be sure to include the specific text in quotation marks as well as a page number. You may attach additional paper if needed.

2. Discussion Questions (attached)

Answer each question with fully-developed reasoning and specific textual support. Each response should be a minimum of 8-10 sentences.

Both documents are attached and can also be accessed online on the school website. Your responses should be neatly written or typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

Athletic Director

Mike Mullins

If purchasing this book is a problem for you, or if you have trouble accessing the text online, please contact the high school at (865) 425-8600. Please contact Mrs. Robin at jlrobin@ortn.edu if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Your English 12 Teachers