“12 Angry Men” Anticipation Guide

In the space provided, write *Agree* or *Disagree* for each statement based on your own personal beliefs and convictions. Then, in at least one complete statement, explain *why* you believe what you do. You must choose a side. (Leave the last column blank to complete after reading the play.)

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| **Statement** | **Agree or Disagree?** | **Before Reading** | **After Reading** |
| It is easy to hold an opinion that is not the majority. |  |  |  |
| If someone is found guilty of a crime by court of law, then that person is guilty of that crime. |  |  |  |
| If I found myself in a courtroom, I would want a jury *of my peers* to decide my fate. |  |  |  |
| Certain people are more likely to commit a crime than others. |  |  |  |
| Everyone is innocent until proven guilty. |  |  |  |
| The Judicial System is always fair and impartial. |  |  |  |
| A jury should be required to reach a majority vote, NOT a unanimous decision on a defendant’s guilt/innocence. |  |  |  |
| Everyone has some biases. |  |  |  |
| Victims/victims families should have a say in the defendant’s punishment. |  |  |  |
| The death penalty is the appropriate penalty for certain crimes. |  |  |  |