

12 Angry Men (1957) - The Courtroom Scene

Judge To continue, you've listened to a long and complex case: murder in the first degree. Pre-meditated murder is the most serious charge tried in our criminal courts. You've listened to the testimony, you've had the law read to you and interpreted as it applies in this case. It is now your duty to sit down and try and separate the facts from the fancy.

One man is dead. Another man's life is at stake. If there is a reasonable doubt in your mind as to the guilt of the accused, a reasonable doubt then you must bring me a verdict of not guilty. If, however, there's no reasonable doubt then you must, in good conscience, find the accused guilty. However you decide your verdict must be unanimous. In the event that you find the accused guilty, the bench will not entertain a recommendation for mercy. That sentence is mandatory in this case.

You're faced with a grave responsibility. Thank you gentlemen.

The Character Introduction Scene

7	Want some gum?
8	No thanks.
6	Here, give me a hand with this. That's it.
7	You know something, I called the weather bureau this morning - this is gonna be the hottest day

	of the year. You know you'd think they'd at least air condition this place.
B.	Your name, sir?
6	It's uh... that one there.
B.	Thank you very much. Okay gentlemen, everybody's here. Now if there's anything you want I'll be right outside the door. Just knock.
5	I never knew they locked the door.
10	Sure they lock the door, what did you think?
5	I don't know, it just never occurred to me.
10	What's that for?
1	Oh, I thought we might want to vote by ballot.
10	Great idea, maybe we can get him elected senator.
Laughter from some of the men.	
3	How did you like it?
2	Oh, I don't know. It was pretty interesting.
3	I almost fell asleep.
2	I mean, I've never been on a jury before.
3	Oh, I've sat on many juries. What gets me is where those lawyers talk and talk and talk even when it's an open and shut case this one. I mean, do you ever hear so much talk about nothing?
2	Well, I guess they're entitled.
3	Yeah, they're entitled, it's the system but if you ask me I'd slap those tough kids down before they start any trouble. Save us a lot of time and money. Let's get started, eh?
7	Yeah, let's get going, eh? We've probably all got things to do here.
1	I figured we'd start with a five minute break, there's one gentleman in the bathroom.
5	Are we gonna sit in order?
1	Gee, I don't know. I guess so.
5	You're in my seat.

12	Oh, excuse me. Hey, it's not a bad view, huh? What did you think of the case? I mean it had a lot of interest for me, no real... dead spots, you know what I mean? I tell you we were lucky to get a murder case, I figured us for an assault or burglary. Boy, they can be the dullest. Hey, is that the Woolworth building?
8	That's right.
12	Isn't that funny? You know I've lived here all my life, I've never been inside that.
3	You have to sort out all that junk, like that thing with the movies.
7	Yeah, you can say that again. What about that business with the knife? I mean, asking grown up people to believe that kind of jazz, huh?
10	Well they expect that, you know what we're dealing with.
7	Yeah, I guess.
#10 blows his nose	
7	Well your horn works, now try your lights. What have you got, a cold?
10	Well, these hot weather colds can kill you. I can hardly touch my nose, you know what I mean?
7	Sure do. I just got over one. [looks at watch] Oh, come on, Mr Foreman. Let's go here, huh?
1	Well, the guy's still in the bathroom.
3	I didn't get a chance to see a paper this morning.
4	I was only wondering how the market closed.
3	You got a seat on the exchange?
4	I'm a broker.
3	I run a messenger service. The 'Beck 'n Call Company'. The name was my wife's idea. Got 37 men working, started with nothing.
1	Okay men, let's take our seats, eh.
7	Yeah, we can all get out of here pretty quick, huh? I don't know about the rest of you, but I

	have tickets to that ball game tonight. The Yanks and Cleveland. You know, we've got this kid, Manjaluski, in there. He's a really bull, this kid. A real jug handler. You know?
2	[smiles not understanding what 7 is talking about]
7	You're a real baseball fan, aren't you? Where do we sit here?
1	Well, I thought we'd sit in order. You know, by jury numbers. So 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, so on around the table. If that's okay with you gentlemen?
10	What's the difference?
4	I think it's reasonable to sit in order.
12	What was your impression of the prosecuting attorney?
11	I beg your pardon?
12	I thought he was really sharp. The way he handled all those points, one by one. In logical sequence. I was very impressed.
11	I think he did an expert job.
12	A lot of drive too, you know? Real drive.
1	Okay fellas. Can we hold it down a minute? Umm, fellas... say, uh, we'd like to get started. Gentleman at the window. We'd like to get started.
8	Oh, I'm sorry.
10	I can't believe this kid kills his father, bing, just like that.
12	Oh, if you analyse the figures you see that it happens all the time.
10	I tell you, they let those kids run wild up there. Well, maybe it serves them right. You know what I'm saying
1	Uh, listen, is everyone here?
6	The old man is inside.
1	Oh, would you knock on the door for him?