

Chapter 2: The Role of Citizens & Organizations in the Youth Justice System

Children who are ____ years or older may be tried by a **judge** and **jury** for serious crimes.

Discuss: What crimes do you think would be serious enough for a young person to be judged in a court of law?

What is a Jury?

A **jury** is made up of ____ people. The role of the jury is to determine a **verdict** in a court case. A *verdict* is a _____

In order to determine a verdict, **jurors** must understand some key terms that are used in courts:

Defense: _____

Prosecution: _____

Sequester: _____

Discuss: What advantages/disadvantages might a jury have for an accused person?

Advantages	Disadvantages

Jury Selection

There is a very distinct process and set of rules established to be selected for **jury duty**.

Who is eligible for jury duty?

- Anyone who is ____ years or older.
- All jurors must be _____.
- Individuals who have been _____ of some crimes are ineligible.

Serving on a jury is considered to be a _____ of Canadian citizens. Individuals are _____ to jury duty. This means that they receive a notice in the mail to appear for the selection process. _____

Responsibilities of individuals summoned for jury duty:

- You must appear at the _____ on time.
- All _____ must be determined in advance.
- You must take time off of work during the entire court case
 - _____ *must* give you time off; however, they _____ have to pay you.

- You must rebook all appointments for a time following selection process and subsequently, the trial.

People are _____ from jury duty if they can prove that it would cause them _____. *What are some examples of undue hardship?*

Discuss: Do you think it's fair that employers are not required to pay employees summoned to jury duty? Justify.

If an individual is selected for jury duty, they must take an _____ to use _____
_____ to reach a verdict.

It is a _____ to not show up for jury duty. You could be fined up to _____ in Alberta, be sentenced to _____ for one month, *or both!*

Keep notes about the jury selection process based on the video presented by the Alberta Courts government website: