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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

*Defense:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Prosecution:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Sequester:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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| **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
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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. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*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.

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If an individual is selected for jury duty, they must take an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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: