

Just Mercy Vocabulary

Directions: Choose the word that fits in the blank. You do not have to change the format of the word.

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1. Growing rice is too complicated and intricate for a system that requires farmers to be _____ and bullied into going out into the fields each morning.
2. "I look ridiculous! These pants are _____, and this shirt is awful."
3. For the first time in my gymnastics career, I was facing an _____ decision—high school with my friends, or homeschool at the gym?
4. Shortly after Marsha arrived at jail, we won the release of Diane Jones, who had been wrongly _____ and sentenced to die in prison for a crime she had not committed.
5. They hurriedly untied one of the remaining canoes and set off, _____ searching the river for their lost canoes.

6. Her locker was depressingly empty, but the second thing kept her from _____too much: June's mom had agreed to let her go to the dance.

7. Sheila, who is not allowed to create art, concealed the nightgown with its _____ paint smear.

8. The hunting of whales is a _____crime.

9. At home, he knew the American public would be _____against putting even more American lives at risk by sending in several hundred thousand more American troops.

10. Her plump face twisted with _____and her eyes brimmed with tears.

11. I have this _____feeling, like if I stand outside too long, something's going to gobble me up.

12. His _____against the Republic, that the Republic creates the plagues, kills kids who fail the Trial would soon be discussed in court.

13. Jane had some _____for others in the hospital ward because of her own medical challenges.

14. Some jurors have to face _____, where jurors are put up in hotels away from their family and devices

15. It was such an angry look—so full of defiant _____—that Reynie actually turned and ran away.

16. “There are some interesting ideas here, but they’re _____ You need to gather some sources, use quotes, and add a ‘Works Cited’ page.

17. Pastor Ambrose held his Bible up, as if some solid miracle would fall on it from the sky, and shouted _____ words: she baba she baba she baba.

18. Mary Lincoln is still so _____ that she will spend the next five weeks sobbing in her bedroom.

***Just Mercy* Multiple Choice**

1. Who wrote *Just Mercy*?

- a. Bryan Stevenson
- b. Herbert Richardson
- c. The EJI
- d. Walter McMillian

2. Whose case does the book *Just Mercy* mainly focus on?

- a. Walter McMillian
- b. Bryan Stevenson
- c. Stephen Bright
- d. Henry Higgins

3. In which state is the EJI (Equal Justice Initiative) founded?

- a. New York
- b. Alabama
- c. Virginia
- d. Monroe

4. What motivates Bryan Stevenson to become involved in death row cases?

- a. His experience as an intern meeting death row inmates
- b. A family member's wrongful conviction
- c. His law school professor's influence
- d. Financial incentives from legal firms

5. What is Walter McMillian initially accused of?

- a. Armed robbery
- b. Drug trafficking
- c. Murder of a young white woman
- d. Assault and battery

6. What was Walter McMillian doing on the day of Ronda Morrison's murder?

- a. Working at his job in town
- b. At home sleeping
- c. Working at a fish fry with dozens of witnesses
- d. Shopping at a local store

7. What makes Walter McMillian's case particularly unusual in Alabama at that time?

- a. He was convicted in less than two days
- b. The jury initially recommended life imprisonment but the judge overrode it
- c. There was DNA evidence available
- d. He had multiple alibis

8. What role does Ralph Myers play in Walter McMillian's case?

- a. He is the investigating officer

- b. He is Walter's defense attorney
- c. He provides false testimony against Walter
- d. He is a witness to the crime

9. How does the community of Monroeville initially react to Walter's arrest?

- a. They all believe he is innocent
- b. They are divided along racial lines
- c. They unanimously support the prosecution
- d. They organize protests against his arrest

10. What significant challenge does Stevenson face when investigating the case?

- a. Language barriers
- b. Lack of funding
- c. Racial bias and resistance from local authorities
- d. Unable to find witnesses

11. How does Bryan Stevenson's organization, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), operate?

- a. As a for-profit law firm
- b. As a government agency
- c. As a non-profit providing free legal services
- d. As a private investigation firm

12. What evidence suggests Walter McMillian's trial was unfair?

- a. The jury was all white
- b. The trial lasted only one day
- c. Key witnesses were not allowed to testify
- d. All of the above

13. How does Stevenson discover the truth about Ralph Myers's testimony?

- a. Through DNA evidence
- b. Myers confesses he was coerced to lie
- c. A new witness comes forward
- d. Police records are discovered

14. What role does race play in Walter McMillian's case?

- a. It has no impact on the case
- b. It affects only jury selection
- c. It fundamentally shapes every aspect of the case
- d. It only impacts media coverage

15. What happens when Stevenson first presents new evidence in court?

- a. The case is immediately dismissed
- b. The judge grants a new trial
- c. The evidence is rejected without proper consideration
- d. The prosecution admits their mistake

16. How does the media's involvement change the case?

- a. It has no effect
- b. It hinders the defense
- c. National attention helps expose the truth
- d. Local media ignores the case

17. What personal toll does the case take on Walter McMillian?

- a. He loses his logging business
- b. His health deteriorates in prison
- c. His family abandons him
- d. He becomes violent

18. What role does the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals play in the case?

- a. They immediately overturn the conviction
- b. They repeatedly deny appeals despite new evidence
- c. They recuse themselves from the case
- d. They order a new investigation

19. What ultimately leads to Walter McMillian's release?

- a. DNA evidence
- b. A Supreme Court ruling
- c. The real killer's confession
- d. The exposure of false testimony and prosecutorial misconduct