

The Jury System on Trial



Part I

You will need to conduct research for this assignment. Where possible, try to find two sources (such as a website and a book) for each of your answers. Cite these sources next to your answer. Use the table below to compare the jury system with a judge-only system. What are the pros and cons of each system?

Jury system		Judge-only system	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons

Part II

Read the case summary below, then complete the activity that follows.

The Case:	Activity:
<p>Jeff Johnson v. Shingles & Shelves</p> <p>Jeff Johnson (plaintiff) claims that Shingles & Shelves (defendant) installed a roof on his home that is now defective. Just months after the work by Shingles & Shelves was completed at the Johnson residence, a series of leaks developed in the new roof, ruining the furniture in the living room and permanently damaging electronic devices in the kitchen and bedroom.</p>	<p>Statement Prompt: The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution guarantees that jurors will be impartial.</p> <p>You are the lawyer for Shingles & Shelves. On the back of this sheet, write a list of five questions that you, as the lawyer representing Shingles & Shelves, should ask a juror to ensure that he or she will remain fair-minded in this case. Use the case text to think about the kinds of biases potential jurors might have, how the questions you ask will reveal whether or not they are suitable to decide this case, and what kind of information you need to know about the juror to choose him or her.</p>