

“Yes, I read it” Quiz for “A Jury of Her Peers”

Directions: Circle or underline the correct answer. Each correct answer is worth 1 point.

Student Name: _____

1. Did Minnie Wright kill her husband?
 - A. Yes.
 - B. No. An unknown assailant slipped into the house and strangled him.
 - C. Yes, but she had help from a friend.
 - D. No. That’s the whole point of the story. She is being falsely accused.

2. At the beginning of this story, where is Mrs. Wright?
 - A. In her rocking chair in the kitchen.
 - B. Sitting with her quilting.
 - C. In jail.
 - D. In the morgue.

3. Why is Mrs. Peters, the sheriff’s wife, at the crime scene?
 - A. She is gathering items of clothing that Mrs. Wright has asked for.
 - B. Her husband asked her to come along and gather clues as to how Mrs. Wright killed her husband.
 - C. Her husband asked her to come along and figure out what the motive for the crime was.
 - D. Mrs. Wright asked her to make sure the canned fruit is okay.

4. Why had Mr. Hale stopped by the Wrights’ house yesterday?
 - A. He wanted help delivering potatoes to town.
 - B. He wanted Mr. Wright to go in with him and get a telephone.
 - C. He and his son were delivering potatoes to the Wright home.
 - D. His telephone was not working, and he needed to use the Wrights’.

5. Which activity of Mrs. Wright’s had NOT been interrupted yesterday?
 - A. Stitching the quilt.
 - B. Cleaning the kitchen.
 - C. Transferring the sugar from a paper bag to a bucket.
 - D. Canning the fruit.

6. What is the attitude of the men toward Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Peters?
 - A. Respectful. The men see the women as valuable assets in the search for a motive.
 - B. They are perturbed with the women because the women never seem to mention anything important.

- C. They belittle the women as having nothing important to add because, after all, they are only women.
 - D. They are delighted that the women found the motive.
7. Which is NOT a reason why Mrs. Hale had stayed away from the Wright house for over a year?
- A. Mr. Wright ran her off his property when she asked him to “go in with her for a telephone.”
 - B. Mrs. Hale was not comfortable around Mr. Wright.
 - C. Mrs. Hale was a busy farmer’s wife and mother and had little time for visiting.
 - D. Mrs. Hale stayed away because Mrs. Wright’s house and situation were not “cheerful.”
8. Which man makes fun of the women for wondering about the method Mrs. Wright was going to use on her new quilt?
- A. Mr. Hale, the neighbor
 - B. Sheriff Peters
 - C. Mr. Henderson, the county attorney
 - D. None of the men. They find this interesting because it shows motive.
9. When Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Peters find the lining in the cook stove broken, the worn and repaired clothing Mrs. Wright wore, and the dirty roller towel, what do they conclude?
- A. Mrs. Wright was a poor housekeeper.
 - B. Mrs. Wright could have used some help since she was such a small woman.
 - C. Mr. Wright did not take good care of his wife and did not give her the things she needed.
 - D. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had been in need of money for a long time, but no one had known this.
10. What is a major premise of this story? (What claim is the text making?)
- A. Men are clueless and women are compassionate.
 - B. Abused wives should be allowed to kill their spouses.
 - C. Women understand certain things that men do not.
 - D. Women should be allowed on juries along with men because it is unfair to have an all-male jury when a woman is accused.