Twelve Angry Men: Act II

Directions: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences using direct examples from the play.

Vocabulary

- 1. Technicality a minor detail affecting a legal decision, a suspect can be freed on a technicality if certain legal procedures are not followed accurately.
- 2. Sadist one who takes pleasure in hurting someone else.
- 3. Pantomime acting without words
- 4. Insignificant a very small detail that has little or no importance
- 5. Ensuing following
- 6. Sheepishly with embarrassment
- 7. Blunder a serious mistake
- 8. Discrepancy a fault or error in calculation

Questions

14. What causes the conflict between Jurors Three and Five at the opening of this scene?

15. Why does Juror Nine change his vote?

16. What is the point that Juror Eight makes about a passing elevated train?

17. Juror Nine thinks the old man might have said what he said in order to get attention, not because he actually heard anything. What led him to this conclusion?

18. When Jurors Three and Nine are arguing over whether the old witness said that it took him fifteen or twenty seconds to get to the door, what does Juror Three say? Why does he immediately look sheepish (embarrassed) after he says this?

- 19. What is the point of all the measuring that Juror Eight does?
- 20. Why is it so important for Juror Three that the boy be convicted?