

Watch the Court Shorts: Independent Judiciary episode and fill out the graphic organizer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnUM9\\_m7oJ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnUM9_m7oJ4)

| Topic   | Notes |
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| Why is jury service important?                |       |
| What is the role of the jury?                 |       |
| How long is the jury duty?                    |       |
| Why is the jury pool/jury assembly important? |       |
| Why is it important to have a diverse jury?   |       |
| Do judges always agree with the verdicts?     |       |

Reflection questions- answer in your own words

1. How does “trial by jury” strengthen the concept of “due process?”
2. What issues arise if a jury is comprised of just one race, gender, religion, or geographic location?
3. How do you think the concept of “justice” would be different if individual judges or prosecutors determined guilt or innocence and not juries?

## MO Learning Standards

**9-12.GV.3.GS.A-** Apply the concepts of due process of law, popular sovereignty, rule of law, representation, and federalism to explain the purpose and legacy of the constitution.

**9-12.GV.4.GS.B-** Explain a citizen's legal obligations, as well as opportunities for, engaging with and using local, state, and federal governments to shape decision making.