

Group Activity

People Taking Part in the Town Meeting before the Trial

For this role play you need to pretend you were part of this story, even though it happened in 1973. Your teacher will divide the class into small groups. Then each group will play the role of the people in the town near the site of conflict.

Group 1

The civil rights group representing the two brothers: You are committed to taking this case to court and feel angry about the racial incidents that have occurred in town. You believe that treaty rights are being ignored.

Group 2

Chamber of Commerce of Junction City: You recognize the tourist industry does not need anything negative to discourage tourists from coming to your town. This organization wants to protect the rights of the business owners.

Group 3

Lake Shore Owners and representatives from the Department of Natural Resources (D.N.R.): You are angry about many issues. You think the lake should not be touched by anyone, Native People or tourists. You want the lake and land to stay natural and untouched. The D.N.R. made the arrests as requested by the Lake Shore Owners and several businesses in town.

Group 4

Association of Wisconsin Fishermen: You feel very strongly that native spear fishing affects fish populations and you do not want this practice to be allowed. You are almost militant about keeping abundant fishing limits for all people.

Group 5

The major and elected pre-trial representatives: Your group will moderate the meeting. You will call on groups to make their presentations. Be prepared to ask questions about whether their suggestions are reasonable. You should also question any suggestion that might violate the rights of others.