*“Now, no matter what the mullah teaches, there is only one sin, only one. And that is theft. Every other sin is a variation of theft. Do you understand that?”*

Part One

As Baba’s opinion made clear, every sin is theft. In some way, you are stealing someone’s right to *something*. Most people would want to keep those sins secret; however, today it is your duty to bring that sin to the light. You will be assigned a character from a list to make an effort to find that hidden sin. You will be charging that character, and their group, with the sin of whatever it might be. For example, if we were looking at *Kite Runner*, you may charge Farid with stealing Amir’s right of identification by judging him too quickly. You will be playing two roles during our mock trials, so you need to make sure you are prepared for both sides. You will play both the accuser and the accused.

**The Accuser**

Each pod will read and research the character they are accusing to come up with a “crime” they will be bringing before the court. Look for a trait that you can use against that character, something that has a good amount of textual evidence that falls behind it. You will officially charge that character’s pod at the end of class. Every person in your pod will be questioning a person from the accused pod, trying to use questions to prove that the character is guilty of the charge that’s being brought against them. Each accusing group will have five minutes to ask questions and rebuttal the accused answers. Because of this, each accuser should create at least five questions with references from the text.

**The Accused**

Based on what your pod is accused of, you will do research to try to find your individual innocent of the charge brought against you. The pod charging you will bring the accusation against you, and also show the questions they will be asking you. It’s up to you to figure out how you can answer those questions to still be truthful, but to also make it seem as if you are innocent. You will then try to predict what kind of rebuttal they will bring against your remark, and come up with an answer to the rebuttal as well. You will be questioned for up to five minutes, so you must be able to answer any and all questions and arguments brought up against you and your character.

While each pod is encouraged to work together in forming questions and arguments, each student will be graded individually based on their work as the accuser AND as the accused. Students should be using the information from the text to help form questions and arguments.

Rahim Khan-Assef

Baba-Amir

Amir-Baba

Farid-Zaman

Assef-Rahim Khan

Zaman-Farid

What character are you bringing before the court?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What charge are you bringing before that character?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What character are you?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What charge is being brought against you?:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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