Quotes: Jury Duty

Choose a statement that explains the quote. Write it beside the quote, or write your own explanation.

- 1. Citizens should take pride in being an essential part of our system of justice.
- 2. Our constitution promises that a defendant has the right to be judged by their equals.
- 3. Jurors must listen, understand, and then decide according to their principles and the law.

Who they were	What they said	What they meant
www.writespirit.net Creative Commons License Thomas Jefferson President of the United States	"I consider trial by jury as the only anchor yet imagined by man by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."	
Wikipedia: Creative Commons Antonio Villaraigosa Mayor of Los Angeles, Elected: 2005	The great thing about our system of democracy is when they call you for jury duty, you have to come It's an honor and a privilege. I was called and I've got to be here.	

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John Adams President of the United States "It is not only his [the juror's] <u>right</u>, but his <u>duty</u>... to find the <u>verdict</u> according to his own best understanding, judgment, and <u>conscience</u>...

Some definitions

1. <u>anchor</u>: a heavy object tied to a boat. The people sailing the boat throw the anchor in the water to stop the boat from moving.

2. principle: a basic truth

3. <u>constitution</u>: the written principles of a government

4. <u>system</u>: an organized way to carry out an activity

5. privilege: a special benefit

6. right: a basic law that protects a country's citizens and residents

7. <u>duty</u>: responsibility

8. <u>verdict</u>: the outcome of a trial)