

Which society is shown here ? Develop.

American society is shown here with its **diversity, its democracy: working men** (some very successful, self-made men), probably less educated facing the **professionals** who would have attended college and who are generally easier to talk to.

Social classes are present too with a person from the slums and well-dressed men...

Racism is embodied by number 10 who is frightened by "them", "those people".

Immigrants are represented with # 11. (1957: Racial segregation was still going on. The Civil Rights Movement was well underway with the Brown vs Board of Education decision passed in 1954 and the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1956.)

All these people managed to talk, to listen, to respect each other to finally reach an agreement.

1950's 1960's = middle class rise, white collars rise

American way of life

In 1960 75% of workers went to work with their own car

90% American people had a TV

From 1950, 3 million young people went to one of the 2,000 universities

Exodus from city center to the Suburbs

ANGER

Anger is a **primary theme** of the play. The title emphasizes that all 12 jurors are angry, although some of them demonstrate their anger differently than others. **Juror 3 and Juror 10 are the angriest** and most threatening characters. **Juror 10 is arguably the most despicable, driven by his racism.** Juror 3's anger is **personal**, aimed at his son, but it spills over into his arguments about the trial. Other jurors also get angry when their **personal lives** are involved, as Juror 5 does when other jurors criticize those from "slum" neighbourhoods like his. Juror 3 comes closest to **physical violence** during the play, but other jurors also express a desire to fight at various times.

The **defendant's anger** is also important. He allegedly **shouts at his father** in anger, and the prosecution argued that anger was his primary motive for killing his father. Juror 8 suggests that the defendant has reason to be angry, **considering the difficult life he has lead in his first 16 years.** Juror 3, however, views the defendant's anger as problematic.