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## HANDOUT 2: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CIVIL LAW?

1. What are civil laws?

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2. What do civil cases involve?

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3. Do civil cases always affect the whole of society negatively?

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4. List four types of civil disputes.

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5. What does the court call the person who is suing? and defending?

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6. Write "True" or "False" on the lines provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ A civil case starts when one person files a complaint with the court. That person is called the defendant.

\_\_\_\_\_ The case would be written as Plaintiff (Jones) versus Defendant (Smith).

\_\_\_\_\_ The burden of proof in a civil case is on the balance of probabilities which means that it is more probable that one side is right.

\_\_\_\_\_ The penalty in a civil case is imprisonment rather than a monetary award in the form of damages.

\_\_\_\_\_ Claims of \$10,000 or less are heard in Small Claims Court.

7. How many jurors sit on a civil jury? 8 or 12? (circle one)

8. Do all the members of a civil jury have to make the same decision? Explain.

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9. Name two courts that deal with civil cases?

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