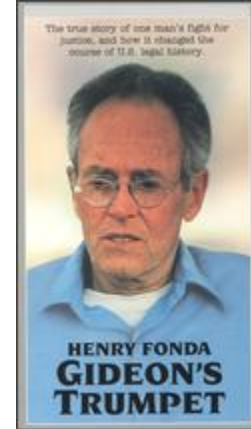


Gideon's Trumpet

Answer the following questions based on the movie *Gideon's Trumpet*. Take notes while you are watching the movie, and then type your answers and turn them in the day after we finish watching it.



Just after Gideon's first trial...

1. For what crimes was Gideon convicted?
2. How well did he defend himself?
3. Was the trial unfair?
4. Was the punishment appropriate?

At the point Gideon mails his appeal to the Supreme Court...

1. On what parts of the Constitution did Gideon base his appeal?
2. What is the importance of the writ of habeas corpus?
3. What is a writ of certiorari?
4. What is an *in forma pauperis* petition?
5. What is life in prison like?

Following the Supreme Court conference in which they agree to hear the Gideon case...

1. What is the conference?
2. What is the importance of precedent (*stare decisis*)?
3. What precedent was set in *Betts v. Brady* 316 U.S. 455 (1942)?
4. What is the role of law clerks?

Following oral arguments before the Supreme Court...

1. What were the major points made by Abe Fortas (Gideon's lawyer)?
2. What arguments were made by the lawyer representing the state of Florida?
3. Review the nature of oral arguments before the Court.
4. How would you decide the case? Why?

Following Gideon's preliminary appearance in court for the new trial...

1. What is double jeopardy?
2. Why isn't it double jeopardy to try Gideon a second time?
3. What is a statute of limitations?
4. Why didn't the statute of limitations apply since so much time had passed?
5. What is the ACLU and why were they involved (briefly) in this case?

At the conclusion of the program...

1. Compare and contrast Gideon's two trials.