

David Says “Yes” to the Rule of Law
(Student generated ideas, brainstorm the Rule of Law)

The Constitution has the laws that must be followed.

People are innocent until proven guilty.

The jury and the judge must learn about details that show proof of the guilt.

The judge and the jury must be impartial.

Impartiality means it has to be fair to everyone and that decisions must be based on the law.

The jury must believe the defendant (David) is guilty “beyond a reasonable doubt”



If you were David, how would you say any of the above statements about the Rule of Law as it applies to your case?

(Students might write...)

“I’m innocent until you can prove I am guilty”!

“If you aren’t absolutely sure I’m guilty, beyond a reasonable doubt, then I am innocent!”

“The jury cannot decide that I am guilty just because I’ve been in trouble before!”

“You have to be impartial, and make a decision in a fair way, based on the law!”

“Are you looking at evidence and the stories on both sides?”

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