

Gentleman, Your Verdict

Writing Assignment

Choose **ONE** of the following options:

1. For his horrible deed, Captain Oram is guilty of murder. Respond to this in paragraph form.
2. For his courageous act, Captain Oram is a compassionate leader. Respond to this in paragraph form.
3. Pretend you are an editorialist for the local newspaper. The topic of your next editorial is the death of 15 navy men aboard the stranded submarine. You must decide if the deaths were a “horrible deed” or a “courageous act”.
4. Pretend you are an officer of the military court. You have just been asked to write a justification for one of the relatives of one of the deceased navy men. You must justify the court’s verdict and convince the relative that the court made the best decision possible.
5. What is the author’s purpose in writing the story? Has he succeeded? Justify your answer in paragraph form.