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Activity: Research

Juryless trials

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- **explain why a trial may proceed without a jury.**

A. Using the article, answer questions 1 to 9 that follow.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/8453318.stm>

1. How long has it been since there has been a juryless trial?
 2. What were the men accused of?
 3. Why did the judge decide to hold a juryless trial?
 4. How many trials have there been in relation to this case?
 5. How did the court proceedings in the case differ from those with a jury?
 6. What did the court hear about the robbery?
 7. Why have juryless trials been used in Northern Ireland?
 8. When are juryless trials used in Scotland?
 9. What are the concerns of the friends of the defendants?
- B. In your opinion, does a juryless trial offer defendants the same access to justice as a trial with a jury? Justify your opinion.