

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### THE MURDER OF EMMETT TILL

- 1) Why do you think Emmett Till's actions sparked such a strong reaction from Milam and Bryant?
  
- 2) Why do you think Mamie Till decided to show her son's mutilated body?
  
- 3) What do you think of Mamie Till's decision to have an open casket and to allow *Jet* magazine to publish the photos?
  
- 4) What do you think of Mose Wright's decision to testify?
  - a. Why might blacks have been afraid to testify at that time?
  
  - b. Why do you think Mr. Wright decided to testify?
  
- 5) What do you think of the jury's decision?
  - a. Why might the jury have made this decision?
  
  - b. What does it mean to be tried by a "jury of one's peers"?
  
  - c. What do you think about using juries to make decisions on murder trials?
  
- 6) Why do you think Milam and Bryant decided to "confess" to the reporter from *Look* magazine?

**DIRECTIONS:** Based on the definitions provided below, place each person or group into the category in which you believe they fall. **Provide an explanation as to why you placed that person or group in that specific category.** A person or group may fall into more than one category.

**Perpetrator:** an individual or group who chooses to act in ways that are unjust

**Victim:** an individual or group who is wronged or receives unjust treatment

**Bystander:** an individual or group who is aware that injustice is occurring but chooses not to intervene; someone who “stands by” while injustice happens

**Upstander:** an individual or group who chooses to act in ways to prevent or stop unjust or violent acts

*Emmett Till*

*Carolyn Bryant*

*Judge*

*Mamie Till*

*J. W. Milam*

*Sherriff Strider*

*Mose Wright*

*Jury*

*“Too Tight” Collins*

*Roy Bryant*

*Media*

*Willie Reed*

Perpetrator	Victim	Bystander	Upstander