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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