

A Civil Action Movie Guide

1. At the beginning of the film, the narrator (Travolta's character) said that the "perfect victim" was.
2. Who was the "imperfect victim?"
3. What was the attorney's name who wheeled the young man into the courtroom?
4. When Jan Schlichtmann initially meets with the people in the church, he said that the defendant must have "deep _____" in order to prosecute them.
5. What did he see when he went to the leather (tanning) company?
6. What was being contaminated?
7. Rule 11 prevents "frivolous _____."
8. How many barrels of toxic waste were initially "exhumed" from the ground?
_____ (according to first driver/witness).
9. The second witness/driver said that he did or did not (circle one) see someone dumping the waste during his _____ break.
10. What did the lawyer representing the company try to convince the second witness/driver of when they were standing outside?
11. What was the court order for?
12. How is leather water-proofed?
13. What was Trichloroethylene commonly known as?

14. How many barrels were buried under the new building?
15. “out of 780,000 cases filed each year,” _____ make it to court or are settled.
16. What was the figure that Schlichtmann asked for his clients? _____
17. Because they would not settle for over \$300 million, what did that mean?
18. Where did the defense attorney say the truth was?
19. What was the amount that each family had received?
20. Would this settlement include environmental clean-up?
21. The dump trucks were used for what?
22. What happened when the local teens were throwing fireworks near the stream? Why?
23. Five cases in _____ will win in an appeals court.
24. The Woburn Leather plant was closed in _____.
25. \$ _____ million in clean-up costs. This is the most expensive in all of New England.
26. Schlichtmann is currently representing _____ families in New Jersey (about the Toms River, a similar case).
27. What did you think about the movie?