

The Witch of Blackbird Pond Project

Dessert: Complete at the end of the novel

Make a courtroom sketch of a main character, depicting the character's emotions during this part in the plot. The court room sketch must be in color. Then pretend to be a member of the court and write a paragraph describing the majority opinion/ concurring opinion (agreeing with the verdict of the case). If you did not agree with the court's opinion you may add the dissenting opinion (disagreeing with the verdict of the case). See attached paper for examples. The format of the opinions must be:

- Background: History of case or relevant facts to the case
- Questions: State the law that the defendant is on trial for breaking.
- Analysis: Precedent (previous cases that have been tried in the same law) and discussion of the law and background to the case.
- Answer: The conclusion as to if the defendant is guilty or not.

Court of Court Case Chapter 19 (Majority Opinion):

Directions: To complete the Majority Opinion of the court case fill in the blank parts of the lines using the non-bold words underneath as a guide.

Katherine vs. Wethersfield

(court case name)

Charge/Background:

_____, **with whom** _____

(magistrate)

(names of the other people who are trying the case)

_____ **joins, delivered the opinion of the COURT.**

Appellant, _____, stands convicted of

(name of the person on trial)

(short summary statement of what the appellant is accused of)

The lower court decided that there was sufficient evidence of _____

(what they are found guilty of)

and Appellant appealed to this court.

Background (state how kit ends up in jail, trial):

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Dissenting Opinion:

(your name “pretend you were on the court and didn’t agree with the verdict”)

The court’s majority decision is concerning due to _____

(Explain a summary of the ruling that was wrong and restate the question of the case)

was correct in its ruling, however, it does not apply here because _____

(Explain what about the ruling was wrong)

This decision should have _____

(Your opinion of what the court decision should have been)