*Twelve Angry Men* Act II Reading Guide Answers

1. Who has changed his mind about the guilty verdict since the end of Act I? Juror #9
2. Why does he change his mind? He feels Juror #8 was brave for standing alone and he wants to hear more.
3. What fault with whose testimony does juror #8 first find? Juror #8 feels the old man could not have heard the young man shout, “I’m gonna kill you,” over the noise of the passing el train. Plus, if the murder was premeditated, why would the young man shout that?
4. What reason does juror #9 give for the inaccuracy of the testimony? Juror #9 feels the old man felt insignificant and wanted attention.
5. Why else is the phrase “I’m going to kill you” suspect, according to juror #8? Sometimes people say that phrase and don’t mean it.
6. Who else changes his vote to not guilty? Juror #5
7. Why else is the testimony inaccurate? The old man could not have reached his front door in 15 seconds, like he testified, to see the face of the young man as he ran down the stairs.
8. What does juror #3 criticize the men who believe the boy is not guilty for? He criticizes them for being overly sympathetic like “old ladies.” He is sexist and tries to insult everyone into agreeing with him.
9. What does juror #3 say at the end of Act II? What point does he prove? He shouts he is going to kill Juror #8, but he doesn’t really mean it; he’s just angry.
10. How does the conflict shift at the end of Act II? It shifts to a man versus man conflict. Jurors #3 and #8 are fighting.