

Character List

Bertram Cates	24 year old science teacher; Based on John Scopes
Matthew Harrison Brady	Three time presidential candidate; Orator; Lawyer; Fundamentalist; Attorney for the Prosecution ; Based on William Jennings Bryan
Henry Drummond	Cates' Defense Attorney ; Hired by the Baltimore Herald; Fights for freedom of thought; Based on Clarence Darrow
E.K. Hornbeck	Reporter from the Baltimore Herald; Based on H.L. Mencken
Reverend Jeremiah Brown	Spiritual leader of Hillsboro
Rachel Brown	Daughter of Rev. Brown; Teaches second grade; good friend to Bertram Cates
Judge	Supposed to be impartial; Shows strong religious beliefs in the beginning, and then shifts
Mrs. Brady	Matthew Harrison Brady's wife; Worries about her husband's health
Meeker	The bailiff at the courthouse; has sympathy for Cates
Melinda Loomis	A twelve year old girl; Believes the fundamentalists
Howard Blair	A student in Cates' class; Testifies against Cates
Mrs. Krebs	An outspoken member of the community; Helps Brady during his stay in Hillsboro
Tommy Stebbins	The twelve year old boy who died by drowning
Mr. Bannister	Resident of Hillsboro; Member of the jury
Elijah	Sells Bibles to townspeople; preaches his beliefs to the crowd
Mayor	Supports Brady and welcomes him to town; Believes Brady will win
Tom Davenport	District Attorney ; Assists Brady during the trial
Harry Y. Esterbrook	A radio man from WGN in Chicago
Jesse H. Dunlap	Farmer and cabinetmaker; Questioned by the attorneys before judge decides he cannot serve on the jury