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Miss Crossley

Period: _____

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PBS Frontline: "A Crime of Insanity"
Viewing Questions

1. What was Ralph Tortorici charged with?
2. What did Ralph claim made him do what he did?
3. What happened to Ralph when he turned 15?
4. Why was the prosecutor, Cheryl Coleman, having a hard time finding an expert witness to support her case?
5. What did Dr. Siegel recommend about Ralph's trial?
6. Why did they still go through with the trial?
7. Why didn't Ralph want to go to his own trial?

8. How did Peter Lynch, Ralph's lawyer, feel about the insanity defense? Did he think they would win the case?

9. List the people called to support Ralph's case for the insanity defense:

10. What did Cheryl Coleman do to Dr. Klopott?

11. What was the official verdict in the case?

12. What happened when Ralph was sentenced?

13. How long did Ralph spend in a psychiatric facility?

14. How did Cheryl Coleman feel after Ralph's death?

15. Do you think that justice was done in this trial? Why or why not?