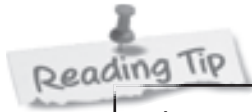




GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 15-3

The American Legal System



This section covers many complicated concepts. As you read, write down words and phrases that you find difficult or unfamiliar. Then try to define these concepts. Review the text if necessary.

Directions: Write an answer to each question below in the space provided. Use the information in your textbook to answer the questions.

1. Defining What is an ex post facto law?

2. Specifying What do the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee?

3. Identifying Central Issues Why do Americans need to fulfill their legal responsibilities?

4. Defining What is a search warrant?

5. Describing What is the purpose of a grand jury?

6. Labeling What is the term for the negotiation between a defense attorney and a prosecutor to reduce a defendant's sentence?

7. Summarizing What did the Supreme Court determine in the case *Furman v. Georgia*?

8. Explaining Why might a judge deny bail?
