

Guided Reading Activity 16-2

Criminal Cases

Reading Tip

Are you confused by any part of a section? If so, reread the section and draw diagrams or take notes to help you. Then ask your teacher to explain information or ideas that you still find difficult to understand.

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 the penal code?
- **2. Explaining** What are four functions of criminal penalties?
- **3. Specifying** For what reason do some people criticize mandatory sentencing?
- **4. Describing** What happens when a person is booked?
- **5. Stating** What are three pleas a defendant can make at an arraignment?
- **6. Identifying** What process do lawyers use to make a witness's testimony seem unreliable or untrue?
- **7. Explaining** What happens if a jury cannot decide on a verdict?