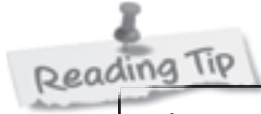




GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 16-1

Civil Cases



This section contains an explanation of the events in a lawsuit. As you read, write the headings to help you sequence the steps in the civil suit process.

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

1. Explaining Why does someone file a civil suit?

2. Specifying What is the first step in a lawsuit?

3. Describing What occurs during the discovery process in a lawsuit?

4. Explaining What is the usual result of a settlement?

5. Summarizing What happens during mediation?

6. Stating What is the goal of the plaintiff during the trial?

7. Explaining What occurs after the lawsuit if the defendant wins?
