

Opening Exercises:
Song / Prayer

Welcome: We are going to go into the gym – when you enter the gym, find the seat with your name. Don't move it. Don't put on the name tag until I tell you to because we may have to rearrange the tables.

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Arrange tables and have them put on the name tags.

You are here tonight because each of you is a suspect. A murder has been committed. Your goal is to try and prove your innocence by proving that someone else is guilty. As the evening progresses, each person will receive an outline of their character and pieces of information that will be known only to you. You must be sure to clearly and accurately reveal all the facts that you know about yourself and the other suspects in each round. You may not lie about the clues you are given. When someone reads a clue that places suspicion on you, then you need to read your clue, which will change the subject and raise suspicion on a different character.

This activity is divided into three rounds.

Round 1- first course and clue #1

Round 2- second course and clue #2

Round 3- dessert and clue #3

Do not go on to the next round until you are told to do so. (All tables should stay on the same schedule of starting and finishing). At the conclusion of the three rounds, you should decide, as a table who you believe is the murderer. The solution will be revealed after the final round. Remember that you are out to catch a murderer. Be inquisitive! Be aggressive! Be suspicious!

The scene is the home of Judge Jones, a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. On this Tuesday evening Judge Jones was found murdered. He had multiple stab wounds. There are six suspects, all with a motive for the murder. You are welcome to investigate the crime scene during dinner. Please stand as your character is called.

Mr. Enn-- He has always been a fine, upstanding member of the community

Judge Black--A very high ranking, but corrupt judge. He hates Mr. Enn and would like to see him behind bars, but he fears a public outcry.

Sean Jones, J.D.-- He is the brother of the murder victim, Chief Judge Justice Jones. He is also a powerful attorney.

Mr. Mult-- An average citizen who is a friend of Mr Enn.

Mr. Fife- Works for Chief Justice Jones (the dead man) and Judge Black.

Maid-- Works for Chief Justice Jones (the dead man)

The leader at your table is the Private Investigator. (Have Private Investigators come up and get their envelope)

He or she will now hand out information about your character. You will each read the first paragraph out loud, but do NOT read the second paragraph. The second paragraph is information that you read to yourself but DO NOT reveal this unless asked. You are taking on this character for this evening. You can read the clues, or you can paraphrase them and put them in your own words. The more you become an "actor" playing a character, the more fun it will be.

The Private Investigator will now hand out the ABOUT MY CHARACTER cards.

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We will now begin round 1. The Private Investigator will now hand out clue #1. Choose one person to go first, and have them read their clue. Their clue will accuse another character. Then that character can read their clue to try to cast suspicion at a different character. Continue in this manner until each character has read clue #1.

In a few minutes, after everyone has read their clue, we will begin the first course of dinner.

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The Private Investigator will now hand out clue #2. Read this clue in the same manner as the first clue.

After everyone has read their clue, we will begin the second course of dinner.

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The Private Investigator will now hand out clue #3. Read this clue in the same manner as the other clues.

After everyone has read their clue, we will begin the dessert course. As you are eating, decide as a table who you think is the murderer and why, and how it happened.

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We will now ask each table to chose a spokesperson and tell us who they think is the murderer and why.

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We will now reveal the truth. I will turn the time over to Bishop Maxwell to reveal what really happened.

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