Scottsboro: An American Tragedy—guided viewing worksheet
Answer each question as you watch.

1. On March 25th, ________________, a train left Tennessee bound for points west.

2. In Paint Rock, two white women named __________________________ and __________________________ emerged from the train.

3. The mob of people outside the jail became so unruly that the governor called in the __________________________.

4. Of the nine boys, only ________________ had known each other before the arrest.

5. Charlie Weems, the oldest, was ____________ years old.
   Eugene Williams, the youngest, was ____________.

   Willie Robeson suffered from syphilis so severe that he could hardly walk.
   Olin Montgomery, nearly blind, had been looking for a job to pay for a pair of glasses.
   Clarence Norris had left behind _________ brothers and sisters in rural Georgia.
   Ozzie Powell had been found riding alone.

   Andy Wright, 19, and his 13-year-old brother Roy had ridden from Chattanooga.

6. Ruby Bates was ________________, and Victoria Price was ________________.

7. On the witness stand, Ruby Bates could not ________________________ any of her attackers.

8. 3 weeks after the trial, the __________________________ Party launched their first demonstration on behalf of the Scottsboro defendants.

9. In the early 1930s, the best-known criminal lawyer in America was Samuel L. Leibowitz. In 15 years, he had won ________________ out of ____________ cases, with the last one resulting in a hung jury.

10. The prosecution appointed Attorney General __________________________.
11. The 12 jurors selected included a shopkeeper, a barber, a clerk, and several farmers. All of
them were ____________________.

12. When Roby Bates turned up missing, the prosecution relied solely on the testimony of
Victoria Price. Summarize her testimony here: __________________________

13. After Price refused to answer question after question about the train that she was on,
Leibowitz realized that she may have been ____________________________.

14. According to Leibowitz, Victoria Price made up the story about being raped to save herself
from being arrested for ____________________________.

15. At 10:00am on the morning after the trial, the verdict had been reached: guilty. And the
sentence: ____________________________.

16. Leibowitz realized that he was the ultimate outsider in Alabama because he was a
_______________________ lawyer from ____________________________.

17. The Communists sponsored the ____________________________ of the defendants on a
speaking tour.

18. In each of the Scottsboro Trials, the boys had faced an all-white jury. This, according to
Leibowitz, was a clear violation of their right to ____________________________.

19. In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Alabama had deliberately
_______________________ from their juries and yet again overturned the guilty
verdicts.

20. In November of ____________, the Alabama Parole Board met for the fourth time. Four
more of the Scottsboro boys were released, and only Patterson remained in prison.

21. In July of ____________, Patterson escaped from Atmore with 8 other prisoners.