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Comprehension Questions

1. What was the reason the Prominent Citizen provided to be excused from jury duty?
2. How did the Judge respond to the certificate from the Prominent Citizen?
3. What moral lesson can be inferred from this short story?
4. Why do you think the author chose to use humor in this story?
5. How does this story reflect on the idea of responsibility in society?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words on the left with their correct meanings on the right.

Vocabulary Word	Meaning
1. Juror	A. A person who is excused from duty
2. Certificate	B. A document that provides proof
3. Afflicted	C. A member of a jury
4. Excused	D. Suffering from a condition or problem
5. Prominent	E. Well-known or important

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and its moral. Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What do you think is the main message of the story?

2. How can humor be an effective tool in conveying a moral lesson?

3. Have you ever encountered a situation where someone tried to avoid responsibility? Describe it briefly.

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