

## Civil Court Case Creation

*In this assignment, you will be using a contract to create a short story, movie script, or comic strip about a civil disagreement.*

### Part I: Creating the Lease

*Directions: Look at the top portion of the lease (in the box). Fill in the lines with the name that you choose for the Owner, the name that you choose for the Resident, and the address of the building.*

1. What was the name of the OWNER? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the name of the RESIDENT? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the building's address? \_\_\_\_\_

*Directions: Fill in the amount of monthly rent and when it is due for number 1. Fill in the late fee and other details in number 2.*

4. How much rent is the OWNER charging? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What day of the month does the RESIDENT have to pay it? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What will happen if the RESIDENT does not pay their rent on time?  
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*Directions: Fill in the utilities that the OWNER is going to pay for in number 3. In addition, list any other occupants who might live in the home (children, etc.). For number 5, fill in the amount of additional rent that will be required if you allow pets to stay. **Then, go ahead and sign the lease with the signatures of both the OWNER and the RENTER!!!***

### Part II: Conflict Creation

*Directions: Decide which of your characters is going to break a section of the lease and answer the following questions.*

1. Is the person who breaks the lease the RESIDENT or the OWNER? (Circle One)
2. What is that person's name? \_\_\_\_\_

*This person is your **defendant**. The other person is the **plaintiff**, or the person who is upset about the lease being broken.*

3. Who is your plaintiff? Give the name here: \_\_\_\_\_

*Directions: Choose which part of the lease contract your defendant breaks. Highlight or underline this section of the lease and put a star next to it. Describe what the defendant does to break the lease below and how much the defendant wants to sue for.*

4. What does the defendant do to break the lease? Explain any evidence that the plaintiff might use in court.

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5. What is the plaintiff suing the defendant for? (How much money does the defendant feel the plaintiff is liable for paying?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III: Settle the Conflict**

*Directions: Describe whether or not the two people involved in this argument settle it in court or outside of court. Answer the questions based on the flow-chart below:*

