

# Student Reading Roles for the Courtroom Learning Activity

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START OF READING

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**CARD # 1**

**ROLE # 1**

**BAILIFF**

"All rise. The court of NAME OF SCHOOL is now in session. Honorable Judge NAME OF JUDGE presiding."

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**CARD # 2**

**ROLE # 2**

**JUDGE**

"You may be seated. This is the case of Mom A. Bear, Pop A. Bear, and Babe E. Bear versus Golden Locks. The charge against Golden Locks is that she showed bad manners. Are there any opening statements?"

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**CARD # 3**

**ROLE # 3**

**ATTORNEY FOR BEARS**

"Your honor, in this case we will show that the Bears decided to take a walk in the Big Woods because their porridge was too hot. Then, Gold E. Locks entered the home of the three Bears, ate the porridge, broke Babe E. Bear's chair, and fell asleep in Babe E Bear's bed. Through our evidence we will show that Gold E. Locks did not use good manners in her actions. Thank you, your honor."

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**CARD # 4**

**ROLE # 4**

**ATTORNEY FOR LOCKS**

"Your honor, these charges of bad manners against Gold E. Locks are ridiculous. We will show that the Bears invited Gold E. Locks into their home by leaving the door open. Gold E. Locks merely thought she was invited for breakfast. We will show that Gold E. Locks was a guest and certainly did not demonstrate any bad manners."

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**CARD # 5**

**ROLE # 2**

**JUDGE**

"Counsel NAME OF ATTORNEY FOR BEARS, call your first witness."

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**CARD # 6**

**ROLE # 3**

**ATTORNEY FOR BEARS**

"Your honor, I call Babe E. Bear for my first witness."

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**CARD # 7**

**ROLE # 1**

**BAILIFF**

"Please raise your right paw. Do you swear that the evidence you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

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**CARD # 8**

**ROLE # 5**

**BABE E. BEAR**

"I do."

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**CARD # 9**

**ROLE # 3**

**ATTORNEY FOR BEARS**

Please state your name, address, and relationship to the other plaintiffs.

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**CARD # 10**

**ROLE # 5**

**BABE E. BEAR**

"My name is Babe E. Bear. I live with my Mommy and Daddy Bear in a little cottage in the Big Woods right next to Jordan Lake. That is Mommy Bear and that is Daddy Bear."

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CUT TO END OF BABE E. BEAR'S TESTIMONY

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**CARD # 11**

**ROLE # 5**

**BABE E. BEAR**

"I don't blame the little girl for wanting to eat the porridge and Mommy can always make more porridge, but I wish she hadn't broken my chair. That really is my favorite chair."

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CUT TO END OF PLAINTIFF'S WITNESSES

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**CARD # 12**

**ROLE # 3**

**ATTORNEY FOR BEARS**

Your honor, that is all of our evidence. The Bears rest.

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**CARD # 13**

**ROLE # 2**

**JUDGE**

"Counsel NAME OF ATTORNEY FOR LOCKS, call your first witness."

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**CARD # 14ROLE # 4**

**ATTORNEY FOR LOCKS**

"Your honor, as my first witness, I will call Gold E. Locks."

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**CARD # 15**

**ROLE # 2**

**BAILIFF**

"Please raise your right hand. Do you swear that the evidence you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

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**CARD # 16**

**ROLE # 6**

**GOLD E. LOCKS**

"I do."

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**CARD # 17**

**ROLE # 4**

**ATTORNEY FOR LOCKS**

"Please state your name and address and your relationship to the defense witness."

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**CARD # 18**

**ROLE # 6**

**GOLD E. LOCKS**

"My name is Golden Locks. I am also called Gold E. Locks. I live with my mother Locks, my father Locks, my baby brother Locks, and my kitty cats Spook Locks and Funny Locks. We live in the Big Woods, across Parker's Creek from the Bears. That is my mother -Locks."

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CUT TO END OF GOLD E. LOCKS' TESTIMONY

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**CARD # 19**

**ROLE # 6**

**GOLD E. LOCKS**

"I see Babe E. Bear at school all the time. Babe E. even told me that sometime I should come over and have some porridge because Mommy Bear made it so good! I really didn't mean to harm anything and I'm really sorry about the chair, but I still don't think I broke it."

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CUT TO END OF DEFENSE WITNESSES

**CARD # 20**

**ROLE # 2**

**JUDGE**

"Are there any summaries?"

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**CARD # 21**

**ROLE # 3**

**ATTORNEY FOR BEARS**

"Your honor, we have shown that Gold E. Locks, without being invited, walked into the Bears' home, ate their porridge, broke a chair, and slept in Babe E. Bear's bed. I am sure the jury agrees that anyone who displays good manners does **not** do such things."

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**CARD # 22**

**ROLE # 4**

**ATTORNEY FOR LOCKS**

"Your honor, we have shown that Gold E. Locks is basically a good little girl. She meant no harm in going into the house since the door was open. She certainly did not display any bad manners. In fact, she showed good manners by waiting to thank the Bears for their hospitality."

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**CARD # 23**

**ROLE # 2**

**JUDGE**

(Talking to the JURY). "You have heard the evidence. Now it is your job to decide whether Gold E. Locks showed bad manners".

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**CARD # 24**

**ROLE # 1**

**BAILIFF**

"Ladies and gentlemen of the Jury, please go with me to the Jury Room."

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END OF READING

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