O.J. Simpson Made In America Part 4 Notes

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1. What testimony was given to provide a motivation for why O.J. Simpson killed Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman?

Police officer:

Sister of Nicole

911 Operator

Ron Shipp:

1. What was found in Nicole Brown Simpson’s safe deposit box?
2. Marcia Clark the prosecuting attorney says that O.J. became enraged the night of the murder because….
3. How did the jury seem to react to the domestic violence evidence in the case?
4. Ron Shipp was a long time friend of O.J. Simpson and a police officer who assisted O.J. in providing information on law enforcement when O.J. needed it. What does he say about why he agrees to become a witness for the prosecution and what does he say on the stand?
5. What did Ron Shipp say O.J. told him?
6. How do O.J.’s friends characterize him?
7. What evidence is presented that O.J. was very much in control of his image and the strategy of the case during the trial?
8. What particular things caused this case to be the “Trial of the Century”?
9. Did the intense media attention contribute to the application of justice or not? Why?
10. Why did Mark Furman, the detective who found the 2nd bloody glove at O.J.’s residence become such a focus of the Defense team’s campaign inside the courtroom and outside in the media?
11. Did Furman plant the 2nd glove at the O.J. Simpson house? Based on what evidence?
12. What is the evidence to suggest the opposite conclusion of above?
13. What becomes the new focus of Furman’s cross examination by the Defense?
14. Does the racism charge negate the physical and blood evidence in this case? Why or why not?
15. What was the blood evidence found at the crime scene where the killing took place, which links to the suspect, O. J. Simpson?
16. What blood evidence was found in O.J. Simpson’s vehicle, the Bronco?
17. What evidence at the killing location was mentioned but did not get fully utilized in linking to the suspect O.J. Simpson?
18. Barry Scheck was the attorney who was an expert in DNA evidence and the most effective defense voice in bringing the very strong DNA evidence in the case into question. What particular problems does he bring up in cross examining the CSI in the case, Dennis Fung?
19. What other problem does Barry Scheck highlight in his cross examination of the detective at the scene who is handling the immediate investigation?
20. What could the detectives & CSI’s have done to better handle the crime scene investigation?
21. Do these crime scene investigation problems destroy the state’s case against O. J. Simpson in your view? Why or why not?
22. If so, Should the state’s case have been destroyed by the problems outlined above?
23. The gate crime scene residence was tested later for blood drops from O. J. Simpson. What was the problem with this evidence based on Defense cross examination?
24. How did the prosecution respond to this charge concerning the blood evidence on the gate?
25. What made the defense’s charge of evidence planting gain credence on this point?
26. Barry Scheck, the DNA expert defense attorney’s, message to the Jury was ……?
27. What evidence was contained on both gloves recovered at the crime scene and O.J. Simpson’s residence?
28. How did O.J. continue to support the high cost of his defense attorney’s while sitting in jail?
29. How much did the defense attorney’s cost on a daily basis? How much did O.J. raise while in jail to help pay these expenses?
30. What testimony was given concerning the pair of gloves recovered at the scenes to establish O.J.’s connection to these gloves?
31. What was the worst mistake the prosecutors made in the trial? How did this undermine their case?
32. What is the premier advice that an attorney must consider BEFORE asking a question in court before a jury?
33. What advice does O.J.’s business manager offer him when O.J. expresses concern about the gloves?
34. What would Mark Furman need to know if he indeed was going to plant a glove at O.J. ‘s residence?
35. How does the detective describe the actual commission of the crime sequence?

* Who does the killer attack first?
* Does he deliver a fatal wound to this person initially?
* Who is attacked next?
* How was this attack conducted?
* What happens with a glove in the struggle?
* What do the defensive wounds on the hands indicate?
* What is the fatal wound?
* What does the killer do next?
* What important evidence gets left behind when the killer is moving between the victims?

1. What evidence is allowed into trial and turns the attention away from the murder to another topic?
2. When were these tapes created in relation to the crime commission?
3. How does the Goldman family react?
4. How does the public react?
5. Should these tapes have been brought into evidence in the trial? Were they relevant? Why or why not?
6. How does Furman respond to the tape evidence when brought back on the stand?
7. What, if anything could have been done by Furman to restore some credibility in this case?
8. What was the time line of the murder commission?
9. At what time did the Limo driver testify that he arrived at O.J.’s residence and saw a person matching O.J. ‘s description walking up driveway?
10. How does this support the guilt or innocence of O.J. Simpson?
11. What message does the prosecuting attorney Marcia Clark focus on in her closing argument?
12. What catch phrase by Johnny Cochran becomes the justification for the jury’s action?
13. What message does Johnny Cochran focus on in the closing argument ?
14. What reference in the defense closing argument is particularly offensive to the victim’s, Ron Goldman, family?
15. What was the racial split of public opinion at the beginning vs the end of the trial in the O.J. case?

% Guilty before trial % Guilty after trial

White White

Black Black

1. What ends up being put on trial in the case?
2. DO you think O.J. was guilty?