***Gentlemen, Your Verdict* by Michael Bruce**

Reading Notes

**Short Story Focus**: dilemma, conflict, mood

Power Write # 1: After reading the title, what do you think the story is going to be about?

Describe the **mood** of the first paragraph. Provide quotes to support your answer.

Define:

Coxswain:

Fathom:

Find the two **similes** on the first page and copy them below.

*Summarize* the submarine's accident according to Preece.

Power Write # 2: According to Lieutenant-Commander Oram's reactions, what do you think the shore station told him?

Describe Oram's **character** using personality traits and supporting quotes (at least 3).

What is the dilemma that Lieutenant-Commander Oram must resolve?

Predict: What do you think Lieutenant-Commander Oram will choose to do? Support your answer with evidence from the story.

**Pulling It All Together**

Fill in the **conflict** chart with examples from the story:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Person vs. person |  |
| Person vs. society |  |
| Person vs. environment |  |
| Person vs. self |  |

What is your opinion on Oram's decision? Why?

Do you think the jury’s decision would have been impacted if Oram had not commited suicide? Why?

What are the similarities and differences between this story and the Robert Latimer case?

Similarities Differences