“A Civil Action”
Based on a true story

1. What is John Travolta trying to explain about the “perfect victim”?

3. Anne Anderson calls in to the radio show...What is her case about?

4. Beatrice Foods means what to this potential lawsuit?

5. What is a “Rule 11” ground for dismissal?

6. Mr. Love has 8 kids...was he concerned for the safety of his kids? Why?

7. Why does Jerome Facher say “these people can never testify” after they gave their depositions?

8. Where were all these chemicals being dumped?

9. Winning a case at trial? What are the odds... Why have a lawsuit then?

10. What is the initial price for settlement from Jan?
11. Why does the firm need the money so bad?

12. Does the $20 work for a quick settlement? What does Jan do?

13. What are the Jury’s results according to the questions?

14. What does the Grace Co. offer for the case? Why doesn’t Jan take it?

15. $375,000 per family...was it worth it? Did they apologize with their checkbooks?

16. What happens to Jan after the case? What incident makes him go back to this case?

17. When they emptied out the field back in 1981, what happened to the lake when the kids through a firecracker in it?

18. 5 in 50 will win in appeals cases...why go forward with the case...?

19. The records are sent to the EPA...what happens?

20. From the beginning to the end of the movie, what is your opinion of Jan Schlichtmann?