



# LONE STAR JUSTICE ALLIANCE

**Documentary Video Response:** *They Call Us Monsters*

What type of class did the four minors sign up to take?

How do the boy's sentences affect the lives of their families? Describe what you notice when their family members speak about them.

During class 18, Gabriel Cowan (teacher) alters the script the boys had originally written by adding characters, etc. How does this make the boys feel? Explain.

Why did Jarad get new representation? Is Jarad's new attorney hopeful that she will be able to help Jarad? Explain.

The film wraps with descriptions of what will happen in the boy's future. How did these outcomes make you feel?

Antonio, Juan, Darrell and Jarad are the four minors whose stories are told throughout this documentary. Whose story stood out to you the most? Explain why.

How do you think Gabriel Cowan and his class affected the minor's lives? Do you think it helped them cope with what they were going through? Explain your thoughts.

Why is it important that juveniles (under the age of 18) are not tried as adults for the crimes that they commit?

