

Clarence Marrow - Fact Sheet

Based on:

Clarence Darrow, Lawyer

Short bio of Darrow:

He was considered one of the nation's most brilliant defense attorneys in the 1920s, taking on two of the most high-profile cases of the decade: the evolution "monkey trial" of teacher John Scopes and the Leopold and Loeb murder.

Here are some of his cases featured in *Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned*

- LEOPOLD AND LOEB, CHICAGO, 1924: Teen-age sons of two millionaires attempt the perfect crime-kidnapping and murder.
- DEBATE, NEW YORK, 1924: Darrow debates Judge Talley who challenged Darrow's views on crimes and capitol punishment.
- THE MASSIE CASE, HONOLULU, 1932: A strange and puzzling case, a study of psychology; kidnapping and murder because of honor.
- THE SCOPES EVOLUTION CASE, DAYTON, TENNESSEE, 1925: Darrow meets William Jennings Bryan in the famous "Monkey Trial."
- THE SWEET CASE, DETROIT, 1926: A Negro family moves into a white neighborhood. A mob attempts to get them on the move. One of the mob is killed. Dr. Sweet and friends are indicted for murder.
- THE KIDD CASE, OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN, 1898: Kidd, a union organizer, is charged with conspiracy, growing out of a strike in the large sash-and-door factory in Oshkosh.
- ANTHRACITE MINERS, SCRANTON AND PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 1903: Darrow represents the United Mine Workers' union before President Theodore Roosevelt's Anthracite Miner's Convention, investigating conditions in the mines.
- STEVE ADAMS, WALLACE, IDAHO, 1907; HAYWOOD, MOYER, AND PETTIBONE, BOISE, IDAHO, 1907: Haywood, first of three union leaders tried for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg.
- DARROW IN HIS OWN DEFENSE, LOS ANGELES, 1912: Darrow is indicted and tried for attempted bribe of a juror in the McNamara case.

Other information about your character:

You're a very confident, charismatic individual with strong opinions about faith and blind belief even in the face of facts. However, you did have a strange experience once: At the beginning of your career, you were defending a young man for murder in New Orleans. The boy's father paid Celestine LaVeau, a self-proclaimed "Voodoo Queen" to cast a spell which would free his son. Even though the judge was the toughest in the county, the evidence was overwhelming, and you botched the defense, the boy was still acquitted. You're entirely certain that the judge and jury weren't bribed, so you've always wondered a bit about that experience.

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