**Episode 1: The Alibi**

Do you believe Asia or Jay?

**Episode 2: The Breakup**

Do you think Jay has a “dark” side because of his personal and family experiences?

What do you think of Jay’s family and religious life? Does his family allow him to be independent?

Do you think Adnan asked Hae for a ride?

**Episode 3: Leakin Park**

What is the significance of the discovery of the body by Mr. S?

**Episode 4: Inconsistencies**

Do you believe Jay?

**Episode 5: Route Talk**

Does the call log match up with Jay’s story? Does Adnan now seem to be less reliable?

**Episode 6: The Case Against Adnan Syed**

What evidence works against Adnan?

Does Sarah Koenig believe Adnan?

**Episode 7: The Opposition of the Prosecution**

Do you think there’s racial profiling in the case?

Why wasn’t there more testing done?

**Episode 8: The Deal with Jay**

What’s the deal with Jay?

Why didn’t Adnan take the stand?

**Episode 9: To be Suspected**

How does Adnan react to Hae’s death and to being accused?

**Episode 10: The Best Defense is a Good Defense**

Did the prosecution use Adnan’s religion and ethnicity against him?

What do you think of the defense?

**Episode 11: Rumors**

What rumors exist concerning Adnan?

Do these rumors (or his personality in general) have anything to do with his innocence or guilt?

Do you think Adnan experienced amnesia or memory loss?

**Episode 12: What We Know**

What does Don (Hae’s boyfriend) add to the case?

What does Josh (Jay’s coworker) add to the case?

What speculations do you have about the story?

Do you think Adnan is guilty?

“Give me the facts … we didn’t have them 15 years ago and we don’t have them now.”

Selected Excerpts

Episode 1 The Alibi 54 minutes

1. What was the purpose of the questions regarding memory? Why is it “really hard to account for your time”?

2. Summarize the facts of the story and the people involved.

3. Describe Jay’s version of events.

4. Describe Adnan’s version of events.

5. Why is it “inconceivable” that the defense would not use Asia’s letters in the case? (Read the post about the weather on serialpodcast.org) Do you think Asia saw Adnan in the library on January 13th?

Episode 2 The Breakup 37 minutes

1. Describe Hae’s diary entries.

2. Describe Hae and Adnan’s families and what happens at homecoming on November 3rd.

3. Describe how and why the relationship between Adnan and Hae fell apart in December.

4. How does Adnan react after Hae breaks his heart? How does Hae treat him after the breakup?

5. What we do we know about the end of the school day on January 13th?

Episode 6 The Case Against Adnan Syed (6:00-9:25)

1. Describe the note Hae writes to Adnan and what happens to it. Where do they find it?

Episode 8 The Deal with Jay 44 minutes (to 35:30)

1. Describe Jay’s credibility in court.

2. What are the inconsistencies in Jay’s story? (examine the documents concerning the timeline of the case: <http://serialpodcast.org/maps>)

3. Describe how the cops and investigators handled Jay and his testimony.

4. What was Jay like? What stories did people tell about him?

Episode 11 Rumors 41 minutes (23:30-28:50)

1. What other explanation could there be for Adnan’s testimony?

Episode 12 What We Know 56 minutes

1. What theories do the reporters propose? (35:30)

2. What do we know? (50:30)