

*Jurassic Park*  
Poetic Justice ∞ Group Activity

The purpose of this activity is to discuss the poetic justice apparent in the deaths or lives of the characters. Are some heroes, villains? Are their deaths justified, tragic? Your answers will be based on your interpretations of the novel, but will depend upon your knowledge of the specific character's actions to justify your interpretation.

First, define "poetic justice."

Then, make a chart that includes the following information: characters' names, if they live or die, how they die, reason they live, if each is a hero or a villain, and finally, your reasons his or her death (or life) is justified. Each group should create their own chart.

The following characters must be included in the chart:

Ed Regis  
Ellie Sattler  
Donald Gennaro  
Ian Malcolm  
Dennis Nedry  
Alan Grant  
John Arnold  
Henry Wu  
John Hammond  
Robert Muldoon  
Tim Murphy  
Alexis Murphy

Finally, be prepared to defend your decisions about one character from your chart to the entire class. Each person in your group should share equally in the explanation.