**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Settling Cases**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:  
  
1.   How many civil lawsuits actually end up in court ?  
2.   Why do you think people are willing to settle disputes without/before going to court?   
3.   What does it mean when a case is "settled?"  
4.   At what points during the trial is it possible for the suit to be "settled?"  
5.   How are criminal cases "settled?"  
6.   What would make a person accused of a crime want to "settle" and not go to trial?