**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?