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Now, members of the jury, this case is ready to be submitted to you for your serious deliberation. You will consider the case fairly, honestly, impartially, and in the light of reason and common sense. Give each question in the verdict your careful and conscientious consideration. In answering each question, free your minds of all feelings of sympathy, bias, or prejudice. Let your verdict speak the truth, whatever the truth may be.

When you retire to the jury room, your first duty will be to elect a juror who will preside over your deliberations and write in the answers you have agreed upon. The vote of your presiding juror is entitled to no greater weight than the vote of any other juror. When your deliberations are concluded and your answers are inserted in the verdict, the presiding juror will sign and date the verdict, and all of you will return to the courtroom with the verdict.

The clerk may now swear the bailiffs.

COMMENT

This instruction was approved by the Committee in 2011. For a longer closing instruction, see Wis JI-Children 152.