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Kanawha County middle school students to hold mock trial based on murder story in novel

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Eighteen students from Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Charleston will visit the courtroom of Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County) Judge Louis H. “Duke” Bloom at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, to perform a mock trial they developed based on the novel *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers.

The 1999 book won the Michael L. Printz Award and was named a Coretta Scott King Award Honor. It tells the story of a young man accused of having a role in a drug store robbery in which a man was killed.

The seventh-grade students are in a year-long government and law class taught by Heather Mottesheard, who also is the school librarian.

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