HANDOUT 3: Examining a Civil Case

George had just been hired for his very first summer job. He had just turned 16. He was trying to decide how he was going to spend the money he was going to earn. As he was looking through the newspaper he came across an advertisement that said, "Used Bicycles for Sale."

He thought that this sounded like a great way to spend his money as he had always wanted a mountain bike. When George got to the store he discovered that he didn't have enough money; however, he knew that he would have enough by the end of the summer.

The storeowner had George sign a contract saying that he would pay off the bicycle by the end of the summer. Unfortunately George was laid off from his job and he could not afford to pay the store-owner for the bicycle. He did not abide by their contract.

Consider the following questions:

1. What do you think will happen to George?

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2. What do you think would happen if this case goes to court?

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3. What would happen if George gave the bike back?

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