

The laramie project play character descriptions

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believes that the Bible says that homosexuality is wrong. Stephen Belber was a member of the Tectonic Theatre Project who traveled to Laramie, conducted interviews, helped write plays, and portrayed himself, as well as several other characters in the play. Dr. Cantway This resident Laramie was an ambulance doctor at Ivinston Memorial Hospital and helped save Matt Shepard's life. Katherine Connolly This professor at the University of Wyoming at Laramie considers himself the first lesbian or gay lecturer on campus. Rob DeBrie This resident of Laramie was the chief investigator of the murder of Matt Shepard. Philip Dubois This man was president of the University of Wyoming when Matt Shepard was killed ... (More Characters) This section contains 808 words (about 3 pages by 300 words per page) Copyright by Laramie Project from BookRags. c) 2020 BookRags, Inc. All rights reserved. These notes were submitted by members of the GradeSaver community. We are grateful for their contribution and encourage you to make your own. Author Mikola Magdalena Matthew is the main character in the play, although he never appears because he dies before the game. Matthew, better known as Matt, was a gay student killed in Laramie in 1998. It is described by other characters in the play, and the reader can see it evolve, although he never appears on stage. Matt was attacked and beaten by two other men, and it is assumed that the reason they did it was because he was gay. Matt was openly homosexual in a homophobic society, and this put him in danger and subjected him to bullying and other forms of abuse. Even so, he wanted to one day fight for the rights of the gay community and help the straight community get over the prejudices they have toward the gay community. His efforts, however, inspired those who knew him, and they continued to do the work Matt hoped to do one day. Aaron's one of those people accused of killing Matt. Aaron was a man born and raised in Laramie, and he was known as a troublemaker. Aaron grew up in a dysfunctional family, and as a result he grew up to have homophobic views. Aaron hated homosexuals, and his rage became sometimes uncontrollable when she was fueled by drugs and reckless drinking. On the night of the murder, Aaron planned to steal from Matt, who turned out to be a rich child, but the situation escalated, and Aaron became violent. Compared to Russell, Aaron is the other man involved in Matt's murder. Russell is good friends with Aaron, and they were together the night they killed Aaron. Russell showed more compassion and remorse than Aaron, and he claimed that he was only driving the car and that he didn't actually hit Matt. What he did, however, was tie him to the fence, and thus he was just as guilty as Aaron. The implication is that he was a frequent addict just like Aaron and he was convinced by Aaron to try to rob Matt. Compared to Aaron, Russell pleaded guilty and received two life sentences without parole. Reggie is the policeman who first arrived at the scene. She tried to help Matt and throw him out of the fence, and in the process she wiped his blood. When it was later revealed that Matt was HIV-positive, Reggie began to be treated for HIV, but eventually her results returned negative. Reggie never accused Matt of nearly infecting her, but she resented the boys who put Matt in this state and claimed that if she was to get infected, it would be because of Aaron and Russell, the two men who killed Matt. Romain was a good friend of Matt's, as well as his colleague at the university. She is also a lesbian woman who is involved in the LGBT movement after Matt's death. She is also the one who organized the angel's protest at the trial of two men involved in Matt's murder and who peacefully protested against the Baptist minister, Revered Phelps. At the end of the play she admits that she will participate in the gay rights movement just as Matt wanted to do when he was still alive. Aaron is a Laramie resident who found Matt tied to a fence. Aaron discovered it almost by accident while he was cycling and felt off his bike in the area where Matt was tied to a fence. Aaron then called the police and tried to help Matt by giving him CPR until help came. He's the one who compared Matt to a scarecrow who told the actor that the place where Matt stayed to die was something akin to a holy place for the gay community in Laramie. Christine was Aaron's friend at the time of the murder, and they lived together in a trailer with their baby. Christine tried to help Aaron by offering him an alibi, but he was convicted nonetheless, and she was charged with accessory to murder. Matt was the bartender at the bar where Matthew was last seen alive. Matt was interviewed by a theater company and he described Matthew as a good person, a good customer who never causing any trouble. He is also one of the witnesses in the case against Aaron and Russell. Greg is a member of a new York theater company who went to Laramie to interview people who were close to Matt. Greg conducts several interviews and he is one of those who went to the place where Matt was left to die. He is one of the men interviewed by the theater company in Laramie. He is one of the people who speculated that perhaps Matt was also partly to blame for what happened to him if he hit Aaron. Rob is the detective who investigated Matt's murder. It was he who interrogated Aaron and presented his confession in court. He then became interested in the LGBT case and at the end of the play admits that the case changed his perception of the gay community. Roll is a member of the Mormon church and general manager of the hospital where Matt was taken when he was found tied to a fence. Roll was someone who often made public statements about Matt's condition. Although he is a religious man, he chooses to show empathy for the family and tries to understand the struggle the family must face. The revered Fred Phelps is a priest at Westboro Baptist Church. He comes to Laramie when Matt is killed and he gathers with a group of his supporters at Matt's funeral, where they protest against homosexuality. Their approach, however, is filled with hatred, and people gathered there to protest the homophobic messages. Father Roger is a Catholic priest in Laramie who also gives interviews. Compared to other religious leaders, he is not as opposed to the gay community as the Mormon or Baptist Church. Although he agreed that homosexuality was a sin, he thought it did not give others the right to hate those who had chosen to live their lives differently. According to him, everyone should take the choice that other people make, love and accept. Father Roger also organized a vigil for Matt at the Church, although he knew he would be criticized for his decision. Mickelson owns the bar where Matt was last seen alive. He is interviewing a theater company and despite agreeing that Aaron and Russell should be punished for what they did, he is against the death penalty. She is a student from Laramie who defines herself as a Muslim feminist. She gives interviews and tells the interviewer that she had to face prejudice and also because she decided to wear a veil. She attended Matt's funeral, and she was saddened to see religious bigotry and the fact that a religious group had decided to protest his funeral. The Baptist minister is an important character, but he remains unnamed. He is one of the most extremist religious leaders, but he is not as extremist as the revered Phelps. The Baptist minister claimed that homosexuality was a sin, but he also claimed that he did not force anyone to share their views. He also hoped that Aaron and Russell would be sentenced to death for their crimes. Doc is a limo driver in Laramie, who often hires Matt, who told him to take him to various gay bars. Doc speaks fondly of Matt and his character, and he doesn't believe that what Matt did was wrong to the point that he Death. Rebecca is one of the first people interviewed in Laramie New York Theatre Company. She is the head of the theater company, and she later staged the play Angels in America after Matt's funeral. Marge is a social worker at Laramie who gives interviews to a theatre company. Marge has a daughter, a police officer, who was the first at the place where Matt was left to die. After Marge discovered that Matt was HIV-positive and that her daughter might have been infected, she tried to convince Reggie to quit her job, but to no avail. Steven Mead Johnson is a unitary minister who, compared to other religious leaders, is the most common treatment of the LGBT community. He is criticized by others for his views, but he believes that God wants everyone to be loving, not to hate those who are different. Dennis - The father of Matt, who appears only during the trial of two men who killed his son. Despite everything that happened, Dennis and his wife decided not to push for the death penalty for Aaron, thinking it wasn't what their son would want. Jedediah Schultz is a resident of Laramie and a theater student at the University of Wyoming. He rather takes in relation to gays and even played in Angels of America, where he portrayed a gay character. Despite this, he admits that he has to face some problems because his parents are not as accepting as he is, and so he is sometimes judged for his feelings and attitude towards the gay community. Tiffany is a local reporter in Laramie, and she also attended Matt's funeral and Aaron and Russell's trials. She reported on the protests that took place at the time and how the Baptist Church had reacted. Shannon is a woman who gives interviews at Fireside Bar. Shannon was one of Aaron's classmates and friends, and she is the one who reveals that Aaron had a drug problem. She concludes by saying that his decision was probably influenced by drugs that he probably used at the time of the murder. Dr. Kettway was a doctor who worked at the hospital the day Matt was discovered. The doctor describes Matt's injuries and lets the reader know how serious they were, comparing them to the injuries a person involved in a car accident would normally endure. This is intended to show the cruelty with which Matt was attacked by other boys. She is a lecturer at Laramie University and she is also an openly lesbian woman. She moved to Laramie from Texas and she talks about the struggle the gay community is facing because they are open about their sexuality. He claims that there is a large gay community in Laramie, but because they fear for their lives, they choose to remain hidden and not to associate themselves with people who speak openly about their sexuality. The detective appears in Law 1: Definition, and he describes himself as a native of Laramie. The detective was born and raised in Laramie, and he considers the city the best place where a person can live. To see that the reputation of the city was shattered forever by Matthew's murder and believes that there is more to the city's bad reputation it will eventually. Two ranch couples who believe that taking care of the land is extremely important. They interviewed in Law 1: Definition, and they would later express their opinion and say they didn't believe that Matt's murder had anything to do with the city's homophobic attitude. Philip is president of the University of Wyoming, who argues that Laramie is a safe place for his children and for his family. He gives an interview in Law 1: Definition. April is a student who moved to Laramie when she started college, and who admits that she likes Laramie better than her old town. Andy is a member of the Tectonic Theatre project who went to Laramie and who conducted several interviews. Stephen is a member of the Tectonic Theatre project who went to Laramie and conducted several interviews, Stephen admitted that he felt that their presence was not welcome and even changed his mind about whether he was going to go to Laramie or not. Amanda is a member of the Tectonic Theatre project, who went to Laramie and conducted several interviews. She admits she didn't feel ready to talk to other people about what happened to Matt. Barbara is a member of the Tectonic Theatre Project, who went to Laramie and conducted several interviews. She is the one who has seen the signs in the city, claiming that hatred is not Laramie's value. Alison is a social worker who lives in Laramie. She's good friends with Marge Murray. Alison is the one who tells Greg that Marge knows more about the case, that's what she told him. Trish is a shopkeeper in Laramie and the sister of one of Matthew's close friends. She speaks fondly of Matt and presents him as a good person interested in making a difference. The anonymous friend remains unnamed, but he is important because he gives some information about his friend, Aaron. He describes Aaron as a frightened child. Sherri Aanenson was Russell's master, and she never suspected that Russell might have killed anyone. John was Matt's academic adviser when he arrived in Laramie. John describes Matt as a shy child who did not want to talk about his plans for the future and his ambitions. In the end, however, he opened up and admitted that he wanted to work for human rights and the rights of the LGBT community. Jeffrey is a resident of Laramie Interview Theater Company. He claims he never thought something like this could happen in Laramie because he believed their children were believed to be adopting everyone's lifestyle. Conrad is a resident of Laramie Interview Theater Company. He argues that homosexuality is wrong and should not define human beings, but only animals. Sherry is the wife of a police officer in Laramie who believes Matt's murder was not homophobia and what they say it was a hate crime, it's not right. She also has a prejudice against Matt because he had AIDS. Kerry is the reporter who attended Matt's funeral. He reported on the protests that took place during Matt's funeral. Lucy is Russell's grandmother, who is present at the trial. She is also his legal guardian. Judy is Matt's mother, but she doesn't appear in the play. However, it is mentioned by different characters. Andrew is the man Aaron McKinney was jailed with. Andrew alleges that Aaron told other inmates that the only reason he attacked Matt was because he tried to hit him. Bill McKinney is Aaron's father, one of the people who killed Matt. Harry Woods is a gay resident in Laramie who saw a parade held for Matthew after his death. He was inspired by the fact that so many people gathered in one place to show their support. Jim Gehringer was governor of Wyoming at the time Matt was killed. He argued that while he was against what happened to Matt, he wasn't going to create special laws to protect the gay community. Shadow is the stage name of a DJ who worked at the bar where Matt was last seen alive. Doug is a Mormon minister in Laramie who gives interviews. Phil was one of Matt's friends who gave the interview. You can help us by revising, improving and updating this section. 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