

Rubric for the Mock Trial

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Writing Assignments	Writing is highly creative and incorporates all facts pertaining to student's role.	Writing shows creativity and incorporates most facts pertaining to student's role.	Writing shows some creativity and incorporates at least the important facts pertaining to student's role.	Writing lacks the creativity necessary for role playing, but shows signs of effort; Contains some facts pertaining to student's role.
Workshop Group Cooperation	Works very well with other group members, sharing speaking time and information equally; Is consistently helpful to others, providing support and complimenting their skills and talents; Is accepting of opposing ideas and strategies and makes an effort to incorporate them.	Works well with other group members, sharing speaking time and information; Is often helpful to others, providing support and complimenting their skills and talents; Is accepting of opposing ideas and strategies and willing to incorporate them.	Works well with other group members most of the time, sharing speaking time and information; Is sometimes helpful to others, complimenting their skills and talents; Is accepting of some opposing ideas and strategies.	Contributes to group efforts but often leaves the leadership roles to others; Is sometimes helpful to others; Struggles to incorporate opposing ideas and strategies; Needs to participate more in group efforts.
Presentation During the Trial	An outstanding performance; Speaks well and clearly; Well rehearsed and covered all information pertaining to the role; Answers are of high quality and include all details provided in the witness/defendant role packets.	An excellent performance; Speaks well and clearly; Well rehearsed and covers important information pertaining to the role, but is missing some details; Witness answers are of high quality and include most details provided in the witness/defendant role packets, but at least include the important ones.	A good performance; Speaks well and clearly; Shows good effort in rehearsal and covers many important points pertaining to the role; Witness answers are of good quality and include most of the important details in the witness/defendant role packets.	Performance shows signs of lack of preparation or carelessness; Speaks but needs to speak louder or more clearly; Needs to show more effort and/or misses many important points pertaining to the role; Witness answers are not well rehearsed and are missing some important information from the witness/defendant role packets.
Character Development	Creatively develops a role with rich character Thoroughly immerses herself/himself in the role.	Creatively develops a role with some identifiable character traits and somewhat immerses herself/himself in the role.	Develops a role with some character traits and makes an effort at role-playing during the trial.	Develops a role with few identifiable details, or develops a character which is very similar to his/herself; Needs to work on role-playing.

Achieved Honors
(16-15)

Exceeds Standards
(14-10)

Meets Standards
(9-6)

Needs More Work
(5-0)