

Mock Trial Grading Rubric

Student: _____ Role: Witness Defense Prosecution

Category	4	3	2	1
Witness Preparation & Performance Only	Witness statements are fully developed, completely consistent with the provided text(s), and accurately portrayed.	Witness statements are adequately developed, fairly consistent, and accurately performed.	Witness statements, questions, and/or performances show a lack of preparation.	Witness statements are not developed, and presentation shows little or no preparation.
Lawyer Preparation & Performance Only	Attorney questions are relevant, logical, and clear; questions are properly formed and delivered.	Attorney questions are clear, logical, and relevant most of the time; most questions are properly formed.	Attorney questions lack logic; most questions are poorly formed.	Attorney questions are irrelevant or unclear.
Quality of Evidence and Argument	Statements and questions show sophisticated understanding of how evidence relates to and supports or opposes the claim.	Statements and questions show an understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claim.	Statements and questions show some understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claim.	Statements and questions are inconsistent with evidence supporting or opposing the claim.
Courtroom Decorum	Presenter has appropriate interactions with judge and attorneys, and the presenter stays in character throughout the trial.	Presenter's interactions with other members of the trial are appropriate most of the time, and the presenter stays in character most of the time.	Presenter is unsure of how to interact with other members of the trial and has difficulty staying in character.	Presenter is distracted, demonstrates inappropriate behavior, and does not stay in character.
Audience / Jury Behavior	Student quietly watches and listens to the trial proceedings when he/she is not onstage. As a jury member, the student is taking note of points being made on each side.	Student is mostly quiet when watching and listening to the trial proceedings when he/she is not onstage. As a jury member, the student is taking notes.	Student is quiet but only partially watches/listens to the trial proceedings when he/she is not onstage. He/she is taking minimal notes.	Student is sporadically watches/listens to the trial proceedings when he/she is not onstage. He/she is taking minimal or no notes.

Raw Score: _____ / 16

Mastery Score: ____ / 4 14-16 = 4 | 11-13 = 3 | 8-10 = 2 | 1-7 = 1