

POST WORLD WAR II MOCK TRIAL OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Charges: President Truman is hereby charged with crimes against humanity.

Date of Mock Trial: May 8, 1946

DIRECTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS:

1. _____ Research a wide range of information for your side. (You must create a detailed document/folder of all of your sources to assist you during the trial.) Your document/folder should include many sources. They will reflect the research that you have done on all of the characters that are on the opposing team.
2. _____ Maintain a detailed bibliography. This should be in the form of a list with either the name of the source or the link to it. Each source needs to have an annotation which explains why the source was used.
3. _____ Any notes from videos, handouts, lectures, class activities, and other print sources that you have found should be included in your folder.
4. _____ Divide the witnesses from your side among the attorneys.
5. _____ Work with each witness to help him/her to create questions and answers. (The witnesses must do the writing of the questions & answers, but you should review all questions and help with strategy.)
6. _____ Collaborate with your team of attorneys and witnesses to create an effective case-line and trial structure; what will your side prove during the trial? What arguments will you run in your case? How can the witnesses connect to your case?
7. _____ Meet as a team of attorneys to decide upon the order that you will call your witnesses to the stand.
8. _____ Divide the witnesses from the other side among the attorneys.
9. _____ Complete more in-depth research of the witnesses from the other side.
10. _____ Prepare cross-examination questions for the witnesses. Remember, you must listen very carefully to each witness's testimony and adjust your cross-examination accordingly. *Be careful with asking questions for which you do not know the answer.*
11. _____ Decide how to divide the introduction to the case...Make sure to pre-write and rehearse your speech.
12. _____ Decide how to divide the conclusion to the case...
13. _____ Rehearse your lines and prepare to look professional.
14. _____ Dress professionally for your role on trial day.
15. _____ Trial Follow-up
16. _____ Hand-in your research folder and materials along with your trial follow up.