

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 WITNESSES:

1. ____ Each witness must thoroughly research his/her character/subject and find various related sources: use both primary and secondary sources to help you create a complete picture. Make sure to keep copies of all of your sources in a document/folder that you can use during the trial.
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. ____ Annotate and take notes on all of the sources. Organize your notes within your document/folder.
4. ____ Create a character sketch for your witness: I will post a worksheet and a due date for that soon.
5. ____ Take notes from any videos, handouts, lectures, and class activities that you use to help you with your research. Include these in your document/folder.
6. ____ Be able to introduce yourself to your team and explain how you can help your team with its case.
7. ____ Collaborate with your team of attorneys to help create an effective line of questioning and trial structure. You must understand what your side will try to prove during the trial. How will you connect to the overall case?
8. ____ Create 4-6 questions for your attorney to ask you while you are on the stand. Your questions must connect so that the jury makes a specific conclusion that directly relates to your side's case. You may have more questions if you like.
9. ____ Create realistic and accurate responses to the questions that you created. Remember your responses must be based on reliable sources that you have obtained and have included in your folder.
10. ____ Discuss your questions with the lawyer who will be representing you so that you both can agree on the goals and direction of your testimony.
11. ____ Cross Examination Prep: Rehearse for the trial by predicting and practicing your answers to questions from the opposing side. Remember you are graded based on the "truthfulness" of your testimony; your goal and grade depend on your being true to your character, even if it means that the opposing side uses information from your past against you.
12. ____ Dress for the role on the day of the trial.
13. ____ Listen, take notes, and make detailed observations during the trial.
14. ____ Trial Follow-up
15. ____ Hand in binder and materials with trial follow up.