**Mock Trial Assignments**

Preliminary Research Assignment: Due Monday, April 27

Responsibilities of:

Lawyers – there are 2 lawyers for each side

1. Opening statement
2. Closing statement
   1. While this will change during the trial, you must have an outline of what you are going to say.
3. Questions for cross-examination of witnesses from the other side. Note any changes you make to the questions that your own witnesses provide.

Witnesses

1. Actively learning character roles – you will not be allowed notes
2. Provide your lawyer with a minimum of 3 careful questions that they should ask you when you are testifying.
3. A written justification for each question (why is this an important point to make at trial? i.e. How does it support the case?)

Judge

1. Pre-Trial - Teach the trial process and set out rules to guidelines for how the trial will run
2. Post-Trial: Submit an organized sheet of notes after the trial; A polished written summary of the trial

Jury

1. Submit an organized sheet of notes after the trial; attach a summary and an explanation of your verdict.

In doing 2 trials, the jury members for trial #1 are the lawyers and witnesses for trial #2 and consequently everyone needs the same “prep” time.

To be handed in:

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|  | Before the Trial | After the Trial |
| Lawyers | * Opening statement * Outline of closing statement * List of cross X questions for each of the opposing witnesses. * Any revisions you have made to questions from your own witnesses | * reflection |
| Witnesses | * Questions and justifications | * reflection |
| Jury/Judge | * Outline for notes – what sort of organizer are you going to use to keep track of testimony | * Completed notes * Summary * Explanation of verdict   + Jury |