

TRIAL PRESENTATION

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Evidence of Persuasion	Speaker maintains a clear position throughout the entire presentation. Opposing view mentioned and then refuted, making case stronger.	Speaker maintains a clear position throughout the entire presentation. Opposing view not mentioned or mentioned but not well refuted.	Speaker moves from one side to the other, never maintaining a solid position.	Speaker does not establish a clear position.
Quality of Information	Examples and references are well chosen to best exemplify main points in defense or prosecution of the character. All points are well supported.	References support the main point. Research is used to support defense or prosecution of the character. Main points are adequately convincing.	References are not connected to research or the reading. Arguments are random and unconvincing.	Information is not based on research or book or is unrelated to the main points.
Group Cooperation	Group works together to share speaking time and information equally. Information references and compliments that of other group members. Transitions from one speaker to the next are smooth and well prepared.	Time allotted to each member is somewhat uneven. Information connects to that of other group members. Transitions are present.	Time allotted to each speaker is imbalanced. Information conflicts with or repeats that of other group members. No noticeable transitions from one speaker to the next.	No evidence of group planning or cooperation.
Understanding of the Issue	Presentation uses quotations and examples (with page references so the jury can follow along). Examples are applied to the main points. Actions of character are evaluated against issues raised in the trial.	Presentation uses quotations and examples that connect to the main point. The information shows how actions in the reading contribute to the character's guilt or innocence.	Presentation includes few references to the text. Attempts to connect actions of the character to the issues or the trial are awkward or unconvincing.	Presentation includes no references to the text. Group speaks in generalizations about issues disconnected from the reading.
Delivery and Presentation	Speaker makes frequent eye contact with the jury. Volume and pace reflect intensity of main points. Movement and gestures add emphasis to main points.	Speaker uses notes but maintains adequate eye contact with the jury. Volume and pace are consistent with main points. Gestures and movement are used hesitantly.	Speaker uses note cards to avoid making eye contact. Volume and pace are difficult to follow. Movements are not related to speech and reflect nervousness.	Speaker never looks up, cannot be heard, moves nervously, or stands rooted to one spot.