

What is Mock Trial?

Welcome to Lecture 01 of Mock Trial RISE SOT





What are we talking about today?

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Introduction to Mock Trial

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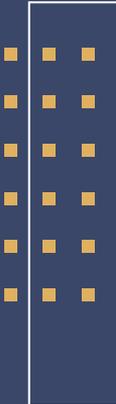
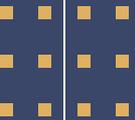
Parts to a Trial

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High School Mock Trial

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How to Prepare





What is a trial?

well...



It really just trying to solve a disagreement between two parties
trying to seek some resolution that could not have been found in
other ways

*Are there any terms you have
heard used about court
before?*



Now, there are two types of trials...

CRIMINAL

The PEOPLE (aka the government) is bringing an allegation against an INDIVIDUAL (for breaking the law)

- Parties:
 - Prosecution Attorney for the PEOPLE
 - Defense Attorney for the DEFENDANT

CIVIL

Two individuals with a dispute: PLAINTIFF bringing case to court saying something DEFENDANT did or did not do

- Parties:
 - Plaintiff Attorney for the PLAINTIFF
 - Defense Attorney for the DEFENDANT

What is mock trial?



- You don't need to be into law in order to love mock trial
- You are given a case file that details a particular case
- After months of preparation, you present your case to a REAL judge

How does this work for high school?

- You have a team of 6 people
 - 3 witnesses
 - 3 attorneys
- You will present both sides
 - Plaintiff/Prosecution and Defense
- You will present at least two cases a day (1 as attorney, 1 as witness)



Parts of A Trial

Pre-Trial

Opening Statements

Prosecution/Plaintiff

Direct Examinations

Cross Examinations

Defense

Direct Examinations

Cross Examinations

Closing Arguments

What is Pre-Trial?



- Time to ask..
 - What the judges preferences are
 - Make clarifications about the stipulations
 - Point something out for the judge to keep in mind

Opening Statements

- A team's first chance to present their case to the judge/jury
- Talk about their story (theme & theory)
- Not argumentative
- Make a good first impressions



Direct & Cross Examinations



- Time to ask your and opposing counsel witnesses questions
- This is the meat of your case
- P. goes first D. follows
- Direct, Cross, Direct, Cross, Direct
Cross... SWITCH... Direct, Cross,
Direct, Cross, Direct Cross

Closing Arguments

- This is the last impression you have on a judge & jury
- Argumentative - why are you right and the other side wrong
- Need to meet the elements of the case
- Gather everything learnt throughout the trial



How to Prepare?

What are witness statements?

Prosecution Witnesses:

- 1) Elliot Kress
- 2) Lolo Baldwin
- 3) Allie Pinkerton

Defense Witnesses

- 1) Bronnie Parker
- 2) Pat Hurst
- 3) Dolray Mapp

Each witness says something based on:

- What they saw during the event?
- About the event (before/after)?
- About the parties at stake?
- Professional opinion? (expert witness... more later)

What is your job?



Read carefully over all of them at least once
WITHOUT MARKING ANYTHING

Once you have done this... go over the case and start taking information that helps you

- Recommend following step process above