

Mock Trial Debriefing Questions

Directions: Individually you are to answer the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

Section 1 – Questions about the Trial

1. What was the charge against the defendant?
2. What issues were raised in the case?
3. What were the arguments made by the prosecution team?
4. Why do you think the prosecution chose these arguments?
5. What were the arguments made by the defense team?
6. Why do you think the defense chose these arguments?
7. What evidence was presented by the prosecution?
8. What evidence was presented by the defense?
9. What facts, evidence, or arguments do you believe should have been mentioned in this case?

Section 2 – Prosecution Team vs. Defense Team

1. Which team had the best presentation? Why? Give three supporting reasons.
2. Which team had the most convincing argument?
3. Which team do you think did the most research?
4. Which team did the best at direct examination of the witnesses?
5. Which team did the best cross-examining the witnesses?

Section 3 – The Jury

1. What was the Jury's verdict?
2. Did you agree with their verdict? Why? Give two supporting reasons.

Section 4 – Questions about the U.S. Trial System

1. Does our judicial system insure that the defendant receives a fair trial?
2. Are some parts of the trial more important than others?
3. Why are the steps in the U.S. trial system organized the way they are?
4. In your opinion could the U.S. trial system be improved? Explain your opinion.