

Mock Trial Scoring Rubric

Scoring: Students can obtain a maximum of 100 points on this exercise. To determine the score, assign a point value to each category (e.g., Preparation and Research) and multiply that value by the number in parenthesis (e.g., 6).

PREPARATION AND RESEARCH (X6)

- 9-10 Witness statement fully developed, completely consistent with historical record, accurately performed. Attorney questions relevant, logical, and clear; questions properly formed and delivered.
- 7-8 Witness statement adequately developed, fairly consistent, and accurately performed. Attorney questions clear, logical, and relevant most of the time; most questions properly formed.
- 6-5 Written work or performance shows a lack of preparation.

VOICE (X1)

- 9-10 Easily understood; consistent use of appropriate rate, volume, and intonation.
- 7-8 Understood most of the time; appropriate rate, volume, and intonation most of the time.
- 5-6 Not easily understood; delivery needs work.

EYE CONTACT (X1)

- 9-10 Establishes appropriate eye contact for the situation and setting.
- 7-8 Establishes appropriate eye contact most of the time.
- 5-6 Does not establish eye contact.

AUTHENTICITY (X1)

- 9-10 Seems very real; excellent use of body and facial expression; words and gestures match; well adapted to setting; appropriate costume.
- 7-8 Believable; adequate use of body and facial expression; fairly well adapted to setting.
- 5-6 Needs to be more convincing.

COURTROOM DECORUM (X1)

- 9-10 Appropriate interaction with Justices and attorneys; stays in character.
- 7-8 Appropriate interaction with others most of the time.
- 5-6 Distracted, inappropriate behavior.