**The Crucible-Mock Trial**

**The People Vs Deputy Governor Danforth and Judge Hathorne**

**Description:** It has been a decade since the execution of 19 innocent Salem residents, as evidenced in *The Crucible.* The families of the deceased have signed a petition demanding charges of first degree murder against Governor Danforth and Judge Hathorne. The court will preside to determine lawfully the innocence or neglect of the aforementioned parties.

**Participants/Groups**

For the prosecution and defense, the lawyers and witnesses must work together to form an argument, not everyone will present the information to the court. However, everyone must complete the given assignments.

**Prosecuting Team**

Objective: Prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Danforth and Hathorne were responsible for the unjust execution of innocent people.

Lawyers

* The head lawyer must present a 3 minute opening, and a 3 minute closing statement
* Remember to rehearse with the witnesses on your side, and assign a 2nd lawyer who will ask the cross-examinations questions for the other side

Witnesses

* You must choose at least 5 witnesses who will assist you in your defense
* Each witness must be examined and cross examined (no longer than 5 minutes)

**\*List of witnesses that may be called on**: **Abigail, Mary, Reverend Parris, Hathorne, Danforth, Rebecca, Giles, John Proctor, Reverend Hale, Mr./Ms. Putnam**

**Defense Team**

Objective: Show that the other characters hold enough, or more responsibility for the death of the innocent so as to raise a reasonable doubt to Danforth’s and Hathorne’s culpability for the crime.

Lawyers

* The head lawyer must present a 3-minute opening, and a 3-minute closing statement
* Remember to rehearse with the witnesses on your side, and assign a 2nd lawyer who will ask the cross-examinations questions for the other side

Witnesses

* You must choose at least 5 witnesses who will assist you in your defense
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**Jury**

Objective: Evaluate and analyze both sides of the argument to establish a verdict

* Take notes during the trial. You must go home and construct a written explanation of what you have seen in court. Evaluate and analyze what you have seen, explain how well it is presented and its accuracy compared to the book.
* Only the head juror will speak publicly. He/she must present the jury’s findings (“We, the jury, find Danforth and Hathorne guilty” or “We, the jury, find Danforth and Hathorne not guilty on all counts”)

**The Prosecution!**

Your mission is to convict Deputy Danforth and Judge Hathorne of murder. To do this, you must show the jury at least **3 pieces of evidence** in the play and **3 quotes** that make Danforth/Hathorne responsible for the deaths of the innocent.

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| **Quotes (add page #s)** | **Evidence (actions of Danforth that show his responsibility)** |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |

As a witness why would your character support the conviction of Danforth and Hathorne? Provide **3 quotes** and **3 pieces of evidence** that would allow your character to accuse Danforth/Hathorne of wrongful conviction.

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| **Quotes (add page #s)** | **Evidence (actions of Danforth that show his responsibility)** |
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**The Defense!**

Your mission is to prove Deputy Danforth and Judge Hathorne are innocent by finding other characters responsible. To do this, you must show the jury at least **3 pieces of evidence** in the play and **3 quotes** by other characters that dismiss Danforth/Hathorne’s responsibility for the deaths of the innocent.

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| **Quotes of other Characters (add page #s)** | **Evidence (actions of the characters that show their responsibility)** |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3.** | **1.**  **2.**  **3.** |

As a witness why would your character support the innocence of Danforth and Hathorne? Provide **3 quotes** and **3 pieces of evidence** that would allow your character to clear the judges’ names. This can be done by providing evidence that someone else is more the blame, or that the judges were innocent in their accusations.

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| **Quotes (add page #s)** | **Evidence (actions of Danforth that show his responsibility)** |
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**What you will be graded on:**

Prosecution and defense lawyers:

* Preparation /20
  + Well-rehearsed opening and closing statements (With accompanying final written statements)
  + Shows evidence of witness and lawyers working together to produce effective arguments (Sample **questions** and responses should be written down)
* Knowledge and presentation of facts /20
  + Engaging, eye contact
  + Clear, well spoken
  + Shows detailed analysis of text (Completed worksheet of evidence)
* Accuracy of presented information /20
  + Shows an understanding of information present in the text, and uses it effectively

The Witnesses:

* Preparation /20
  + Each witness must show they are fully knowledgeable of their role in the text and aware of all the actions the text claims they have committed (With accompanying character analysis worksheet)
  + Shows evidence of witness and lawyers working together to produce effective arguments (Sample questions and **responses** should be written down)
* Knowledge and presentation of facts /20
  + Engaging, eye contact
  + Clear, well spoken
  + Shows an understanding of character (Completed worksheet of evidence)
* Accuracy /20
  + Gives an accurate portrayal of the character’s psychological motivation based on the text

The Jury (2 page typed report)

**Preliminary decision**

2 paragraphs reflecting your personal opinion: Do you think Danforth or Hathorne are guilty? Is someone else MORE responsible for the unjust deaths during the Salem Witch Trials? /20

* Introduction /10
  + Objective representation of what occurred in the court room
* Body /10
  + Detailed analysis of the information presented in the court room. Examples of evidence they could or should have used but didn’t. Evaluation of the information used for the argument for or against Danforth.
* Conclusion /10
  + What the evidence in the court convinced you to decide. What you would have decided based just on reading the text without the happenings in the courtroom and why.
* Technical /10
  + Must be typed, and written in good, clear English with proper use of American English. Must show evidence of being edited, without more than three grammatical or spelling errors per page.

YOU WILL NOT BE GRADED ON WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE THE CASE.