## **Mock Trial Rubric**

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Preparation and Research	Witness statements are fully developed, completely consistent with historical record, and accurately portrayed.  Attorney questions are relevant, logical, and clear; questions are properly formed and delivered.  Statements and questions show sophisticated understanding of how evidence relates to and supports or opposes the claim.	Witness statements are adequately developed, fairly consistent, and accurately performed.  Attorney questions are clear, logical, and relevant most of the time; most questions are properly formed.  Statements and questions show an understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claim.	Witness statements, questions, and/or performances show a lack of preparation.  Attorney questions lack logic; most questions are poorly formed.  Statements and questions show some understanding of how evidence supports or opposes the claim.	Witness statements are not developed, and presentation shows little or no preparation  Attorney questions are irrelevant or unclear.  Statements and questions are inconsistent with evidence supporting or opposing the claim.
Voice	Presenter is easily understood and consistently uses an appropriate rate, volume, and intonation.	Presenter is understood most of the time and uses an appropriate rate, volume, and intonation most of the time.	Presenter is understood, but uses an inappropriate rate, volume, or intonation that distracts from what is being said.	Presenter is not easily understood; delivery needs work.
Authenticity	Presenter is very convincing and has excellent use of body and facial expression; words and gestures match. Their dress adds to the performance, and their portrayal is well adapted to the setting.	Presenter is believable. They use adequate body and facial expression, and their portrayal is adapted to the setting.	Presenter lacks realism. Their body and facial expressions do not match their portrayal.	Presenter needs to be more convincing. Body and facial expressions are not used.
Courtroom Decorum	Presenter has appropriate interactions with judge and attorneys, and the presenter stays in character throughout the trial.	Presenter's interactions with other members of the trial are appropriate most of the time, and the presenter stays in character most of the time.	Presenter is unsure of how to interact with other members of the trial and has difficulty staying in character.	Presenter is distracted, demonstrates inappropriate behavior, and does not stay in character.