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Mock criminal trial :

Student's Note Book

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Before starting the preparation of the mock trial, it's important to ensure that everyone is familiar with the essential elements: certain legal concepts, the characters, the different steps in a trial, as well as some vocabulary.

Please complete the following document as you receive the relevant information.

Section 1 : Law 101

1. Explain, in your own words what civil law means.

2. Explain, in your own words what criminal law means.

3. Our trial?

Criminal

Civil

4. The Burden of Proof

a) What is it?

b) What is the burden of proof in a civil trial? _____

c) What is the burden of proof in a criminal trial? _____

Section 2: The Actors in a Criminal Trial

Describe, in your words, the role of each of these actors in a criminal trial.

1. The lawyers

a) The Prosecutor (also known as criminal and penal prosecuting attorney)

b) The defence lawyer :

2. The other legal actors

a) The judge :

b) The jury :

c) The court clerk :

d) The court usher:

e) The special constable:

3. The “ordinary citizens”, who don’t usually find themselves in court.

a) The victim:

b) The accused:

c) The witnesses:

	Who are they?	What are they allowed to say?
The "ordinary" witness		
The expert witness		

Section 3: The Steps in a Criminal Trial

Step 1: Overview of the Case

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objectives : _____

Step 2: The Prosecutor's Evidence

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objectives : _____

Step 3: Cross-Examination by the Defence

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objetives : _____

Step 4: Defence Evidence

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objetives : _____

Step 5: Cross-Examination by the Prosecutor

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objetives : _____

Step 6: Closing Arguments

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objetives : _____

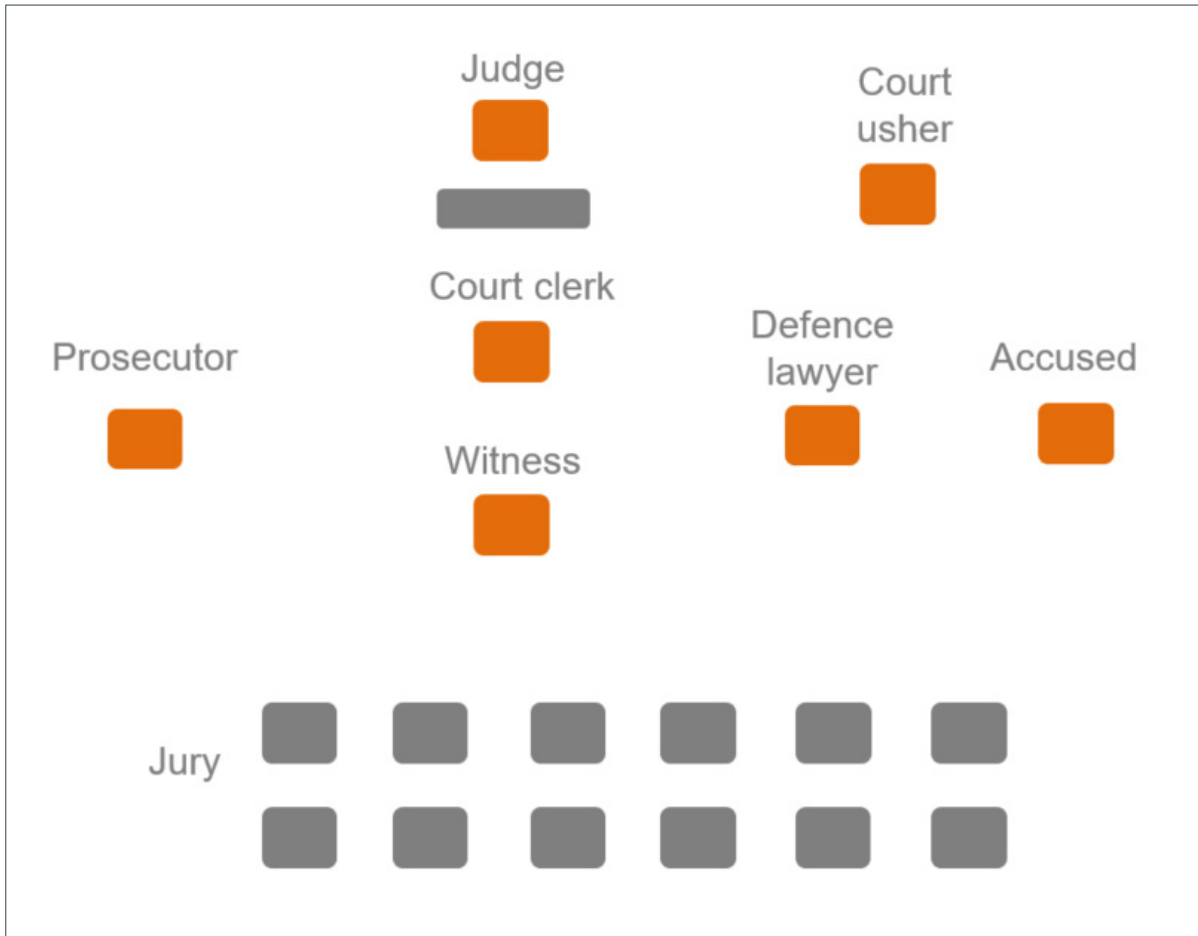
Step 7: Deliberation and Verdict

Actor(s) involved: _____

Objetives : _____

Section 4: Layout of the courtroom

Here's an example of the layout of a courtroom during a criminal trial. Highlight or circle the place where you would be during the trial.



Section 5: Legal Vocabulary

Decorum: _____

Right to remain silent: _____

The state: _____

Burden of proof: _____

Impartiality: _____

Jury members: _____

Hearsay: _____

Presumption of innocence: _____

Theory of the case: _____

Unanimity: _____