**Pre - Mock Trial Sequencing**

***Italics indicate Sheets in Student Materials Section***

1. Learn Constitution, Amendments, and 3 branches of Government and Bill of Rights.
2. Look more in depth at Amendments, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and understand the court system
3. Learn *vocabulary* and the *Roles in a Trial*
4. Complete the *Roles in a Trial* worksheet
5. Assign parts/roles for the trial
6. Swear in the *Bailiff/clerk* and the two *Attorney teams* (Plaintiff & Defense)
7. Adjust classroom and seat teams accordingly
8. Fill out and “*serve*” *subpoenas*
9. *Set up classroom as a courtroom setting*
10. Move *jurors* to jury box and *witnesses* to assigned team
11. Go over *objection* definitions
12. Practice Courtroom procedures with the following games:

* Icivics.org - Argument Wars
* Texaslre.org - Objection Game, Pick 6, All rise, and try others - great site
* Makeyourcasegame.com - very effective practice
* Arcadespot.com - Phoenix Wright, Ace Attorney
* Go over out Mock trial script and watch Youtube video on courtroom etiquette

12.  **Begin Pre-Trial**: **Arraignment Hearing**

13. Judge comes in and everyone is in position.

1st: Explain the parts of the Trial we will go over today: Begin with, *Setting* of crime, next go over *handicap definition*, next briefly review *exhibits*, then **read** and ask questions on the *Crime Scene*,\* (*HB story*), finally read the *complaint* and r*esponse*.

14. Question plaintiffs: Do you wish to bring this case forward? (Yes or No)

15. Question Defendant: *How do you plead*? (Guilty or Not guilty)

16. If questions is yes and Not guilty, the judge remands case to trial. Set time and date.

17. \*When, “Reading,” the crime scene. (read story, *Harrison Bergeron.)*

All members have a copy of the story to read and mark-up text EXCEPT: *The Jury*

They must take notes as in a real trial. I am going to give them and everyone, *Exhibit E*, the

Crime scene drawing, and allow them to write on it with notes to use during the Trial.

**18. Prep time:** Begin with *Case theory* or how to set up a case

* Give **attorney’s** each a copy of the *exhibits*. ( They remain each night with the clerk in the protected exhibit/affidavit file. - Use *exhibit analysi*s sheets - Day 1 - 5
* Give **Witnesses** their copy of their *affidavits* to learn their parts. They can also research their characters during this time. Create a backstory to help them better understand the character
* Allow **Attorneys** to work with their witnesses to write *questions for examination* and *link to exhibits*
* Allow **attorneys** to interview witness for *cross examination*
* Create *questions for trial for cross examination* of witnesses
* Work with **attorneys** to write *opening and closing statements* and questions for examination.
* **Jury Work**: We the Jury - iCivics.org, Pick 6 and Pick 12 - Texaslre.org, We the Jury, (use story and evidence to come up with a verdict), Supreme Court, (icivics.org)
* Have jurors do mystery puzzle, or solve “You be the Jury” mysteries
* Deciding by Group - You are the Jury - Great crime, notes and juror form practice!

**Witnesses**: **Prosecutor**- George, announcer, and old doctor (expert witness) (Hazel if necessary)

**Defendant-** Glampers, Ballerina, and Musician.

Show *Attorney/witness* teams the short video 2081. Helps better understand the story

<https://webertube.com/video/25220/2081-harrison-bergeron-video>

**Use**: *Witness sheets* to flesh out characters

*Exhibit* sheets

*Witness analysis* and *questioning* sheets

**Jurors**: Games, review crime scene and notes, Write questions they would like answered during the

Trial.

After 1*2 Angry Men* movie - Write 5 important important attributes/skills needed to be a juror

Practice evidence gathering using one of the following novels:

The London Eye Mystery, Agatha Christie - 3 Blind Mice, or The Westing Game. Use

*Evidence Gathering Sheet*

**Mock Trial Practice**. Allow attorneys to practice *examination* with their witnesses to get ready for trial

Have clerk and bailiff go over the *mock trial script*….play games on court procedures, go to youtube and watch videos on courtroom manners and etiquette

**Last**: Have copies of *mock trial script* for everyone so to know what they need to say at the trial.

Incorporate own information at the appropriate spots.

When all members are ready refer to *Steps in a Trial* in packet to begin actual trial.