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**How to get an A+ on your Trial of Malcolm X Project**

**Important Reminders:**

1. This Trial Project is worth a project grade for 80 points.
2. The Day of the Trial is Friday April 12th for A-Day and Monday April 15th for B-Day
3. 50 of the 80 points is your Preparation, Research, and Final Outline
4. 30 of the 80 points is your Participation and Performance on Trial Day

**The Bottom-Line to get an A+:**

1. You must be "the star" of the Trial for your individual 3- 5 minutes.
2. You must do your best to give an excellent performance during your 3-5 minutes.
3. You can be a "lawyer" giving a speech for your point and/or you can be a witness for your part. YOU should be your witness and just give someone else on your team the questions to ask you.
4. You must show me that JUST LIKE A NORMAL TEST ESSAY you did Excellent Preparation and Excellent RESEARCH for your part.
5. If your 3-5 minutes is only your opinion with no supporting research, examples, or details, then you cannot get an A+
6. Finally to get an A+ you must participate during the trial…mostly by asking questions to the other sides' witnesses and offering rebuttal questions to your own sides' witnesses.
7. Be creative!

**Getting an A+ for the 50-points Preparation, Research, and Final Outline:**

1. Just like I suggest you do for all our normal test essays, you MUST prepare an organized and detailed outline of everything you will say for your 3-5 minutes of the Trial.
2. Let’s look at some sample A+ outlines from a Trial of Christopher Columbus

On my website let's look at **Week 2 Columbus Trial Defense Outlines & Week 2 Columbus Trial Prosecution Outlines**

1. You will notice that these A+ Final Outlines are/have…
2. Organization
3. Specific Details
4. Evidence of extensive outside research
5. Many specific examples
6. Many specific quotations
7. Many source citations
8. What else should you have on your finalized outline?
   1. If you are being a witness then you must write out all the questions you will be asked.
   2. If you are being a witness you should also write out an outline of the answers you will give (you can either write out the full answers as script or just write an outline of main points)
   3. **If you want to get an A you MUST have some prepared questions you will ask some of the witnesses from the other side! We will find out today and the next class who all the witnesses are so that you can prepare questions for them to ask.**
9. So the only requirement for the 50 points is that your FINALIZED OUTLINE is due on the day of the Trial. It must be uploaded to your homework folder. It is possible to get an A+ with only showing me your finalized outline. However, if you also want to show me that you did lots and lots of outside research (even though you didn't use it in your final outline) then you can show me that too! So if you want you may also attach to the end of your outline or upload separately any EXTRA OUTSIDE RESEARCH you did in preparation for the trial.
10. So if you do any research or reading for this trial (even if you don't use it in the final outline) you can show this to me to raise your grade. Show me what you read (source and page numbers) and show me any notes you took. This would certainly raise your grade.

**Getting an A+ for the 30 point Performance Part of the Trial**

1. Remember you must be "the star" for your part of the trial for 3-5 minutes. 3 minutes is minimum and 5 minutes is the maximum.
2. Like I said, in most A+ examples, the student will part of the time perform a lawyer's speech and then part of the time be a witness.
3. Be creative!!! One way to raise your grade is to be creative. Yes, be a lawyer and a witness, but can you think of anything else creative to do also? Some students have had multiple witnesses. Some students have brought props! Some students have worn costumes, played music, etc, etc….
4. To get an "A" you MUST be active during the trial. You MUST listen to the other sides' arguments and witnesses and you MUST ask them questions and offer rebuttals. ANYONE CAN QUESTION ANY WITNESS!!!!!! You must do this to get an A. If you are silent during the trial you cannot get an A.
5. Another way to raise your grade is to volunteer within your Prosecution and Defense Team to give the 1-minute opening remark or 1- minute closing remark.
   1. So we need 1 person from the Prosecution Team and 1 person from the Defense team to give an opening remark and a closing remark.
   2. For the 1 minute opening remark you are the lawyer introducing your entire team's case to the judge and jury. Like a good lawyer think of an interesting and memorable way to start. You should also briefly and memorably outline your entire team's points you will make.
   3. For the 1 minute closing remark you will be the lawyer giving the last and final statement to the judge and jury for your team. Like a good lawyer give a memorable final summation of your team's case.

**What Happens on the Day of the Trial?**

**1st- Prosecution Team gives opening remarks** (only 1 minute or less). State your thesis and briefly introduce your main supports. Think of an interesting hook!

**2nd- Defense Team gives opening remarks** (only 1 minute or less). State your thesis and briefly introduce your main supports. Think of an interesting hook!

**3rd- Topic #1**

1. Prosecution for Topic #1 goes.

Each person on Prosecution Topic #1 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions. REMEMEBER like a good lawyer you can only make your points through asking questions to witnesses!! You cannot just stand up and make a point. You must always ask questions to the witnesses. Now a creative lawyer will find a way to do both!

1. Defense for Topic #2 goes.

Each person on Defense Topic #1 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions.

**4th- Topic #2**

1. Prosecution for Topic #2 goes.

Each person on Prosecution Topic #2 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions.

1. Defense for Topic #2 goes.

Each person on Defense Topic #2 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions.

**5th- Topic #3**

Prosecution for Topic #3 goes.

Each person on Prosecution Topic #3 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions.

1. Defense for Topic #3 goes.

Each person on Defense Topic #3 has 3-5 minutes to present her/his case and call her/his witnesses

IMPORTANT POINT:Whenever a witness is called, anyone has the chance to ask them questions!! First the other side can ask questions, then finally the original side can ask questions.

**6th- Malcolm X Takes the Stand**

1. The person playing Malcolm X takes the stand. You have 3-5 minutes to do your part. You can either give a speech and/or you can write down questions for someone on your team to ask you.
2. Both sides have chances to ask Malcolm X questions.

**7th- The Defense Team gives its FINAL REMARKS (CONCLUSION).** It should be strong and passionate. (Around 1 minute)

**8th - The Prosecution Team gives its FINAL REMARKS (CONCLUSION).** It should be strong and passionate. (Around 1 minute)

**The Trial is Over.**

**The Class will have a secret vote on the outcome.**