

Boston Massacre Paper

You will read a series of documents and write a short paper on the trial of the Boston Massacre. You will choose to either write a closing statement for the prosecution, defense, or judge's verdict. Follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.bostonmassacre.net
2. Read the timeline
3. Click on "the trial"
4. Read the depositions
5. Read Preston's Account
6. Choose to write one of the following:
 - a. Closing argument for the prosecution
 - You are writing the arguments that would be presented by the prosecution in the trial after all of the witnesses have spoken. You are trying to convince the reader that the British soldiers are guilty.
 - You should use the testimony (depositions) of the witnesses to illustrate your arguments.
 - b. Closing argument for the defense
 - You are writing the arguments that would be presented by the defense in the trial after all of the witnesses have spoken. You are trying to convince the reader that the British soldiers are innocent.
 - You should use the testimony (depositions) of the witnesses to illustrate your arguments.
 - c. Opinion paper for the court verdict.
 - You are the jury/judge in the trial. You are choosing the verdict in the trial. Choose either guilty or innocent and defend it.
 - You should use the testimony (depositions) of the witnesses to illustrate your arguments.
7. **Paper Requirements:**
 - a. Approximately 1 – 2 pages double-spaced
 - b. This is a persuasive paper. Pick a side and defend it with the evidence provided from the website.
 - c. Paper will be graded using the Boston Massacre Essay Rubric. See the Essay Rubric link on my website for specifics.

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