



**Truman Trial Attorney Rubric**

Teacher Name: **Mr. VanEngen**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY	5	3	2	1
<b>Cross-Examination</b>	All counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong	Most counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong	Most counter-arguments were accurate and relevant but several were weak	Counter-Arguments were not accurate and/or relevant
<b>Use of Facts</b>	Every major point was well supported with several relevant facts, statistics, and/or examples	Every major point was adequately supported with relevant facts, statistics, and/or examples	Every major point was supported with facts, statistics, and/or examples, but the relevance of some was questionable	Every point was not supported
<b>Respect for Other Team</b>	All statements, body language, and responses were respectful and appropriate in language	Statements and responses were respectful and used appropriate language, but once or twice body language was not	Most statements and responses were respectful and in appropriate language, but there were several sarcastic remarks	Statements, responses and/or body language were consistently not respectful
<b>Understanding of Topic</b>	The attorney clearly understood the topic-in-depth and presented their information forcefully and convincingly	The attorney clearly understood the topic-in-depth and presented their information with ease	The attorney seemed to understand the main points of the topic and presented those with ease	The attorney did not show an adequate understanding of the topic
<b>Opening/Closing Statement</b>	All arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) and organized in a tight, logical fashion	Most arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) and organized in a tight, logical fashion	All arguments were clearly tied to an idea (premise) but the organization was sometimes not clear or logical	Arguments were not clearly tied to an idea (premise)
<b>Information</b>	All information presented in the trial was clear, accurate and thorough	Most information presented in the trial was clear, accurate and thorough	Most information presented in the trial was clear and accurate but not usually thorough	Information had several inaccuracies OR was usually not clear
<b>Presentation Style</b>	Attorney consistently used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience	Attorney usually used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience	Attorney sometimes used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a way that kept the attention of the audience	Attorney did a poor job of gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and maintaining a level of enthusiasm that kept the attention of the audience

