



Truman Trial Witness Rubric

Teacher Name: **Mr. VanEngen**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	5	4	3	2	1
Use of facts/statistics	Every major point was extraordinarily supported with several relevant facts, statistics and/or examples	Every major point was supported well with several relevant facts, statistics and/or examples	Every major point was adequately supported with several relevant facts, statistics and/or examples	Some points were not supported with relevant facts, statistics and/or examples	Every point was not supported with facts, statistics and/or examples
Respect for the other team	All statements, gestures, body language, and responses were respectful and language was appropriate	Most statements, gestures, body language, and responses were respectful and language was appropriate	Most statements, gestures, body language, and responses were respectful but some language was inappropriate	Some statements, gestures, body language, and responses were respectful and most language was inappropriate	None of the statements, gestures, body language, and responses were respectful and all of the language was inappropriate
Understanding of the topic	The witness clearly understands their historical figure and their information. They present their information forcefully and convincingly	The witness has a good understanding of their historical figure. They do an average job of presenting their information.	The witness has an average understanding of their historical figure. They do an average job presenting their information	The witness understands very little about their historical figure. They do a sub-par job of presenting their information.	The witness understands nothing about their historical figure. They do a poor job presenting their information.
Information	All of the information presented in the testimony was clear, accurate, and thorough. Witness performs flawlessly during cross-examination.	All of the information presented in the testimony was clear, accurate, and thorough. Overall witness performs well but struggles at times during cross-examination.	Almost all of the information presented in the testimony was clear, accurate, and thorough. Witness performs well but struggles at times during cross-examination.	Some of the information presented in the testimony was clear, accurate, and thorough. Witness struggles during cross-examination	None of the information presented in the testimony was clear, accurate, and thorough. Witness loses it during cross-examination.
Presentation Style	Witness consistently used appropriate gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a way that keeps the attention of the audience	Witness consistently used appropriate gestures, eye contact, and tone of voice. Witness does a fair job of maintaining enthusiasm in a way that keeps the attention of the audience	Witness does an average job of using appropriate gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and keeping a level of enthusiasm in a way that keeps the attention of the audience	Witness does a sub-par job of using appropriate gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and keeping a level of enthusiasm in a way that keeps the attention of the audience	Witness does a poor job of using appropriate gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and keeping a level of enthusiasm in a way that keeps the attention of the audience

