

Mock Trial

Facilitator Guide

Session Overview**INTRODUCTIONS**

Welcome and Set the Scene	05m
Introduce Mock Trial Participants	05m
Assign Student Roles	10m

GROUP EXERCISE – Mock Trial 120m

Opening Statements	10m
Prosecution	05m
Defense	05m
Prosecution's Case-in-Chief	
Testimony—Interchangeable Officer	35m

Break 10m

Cross-Examination--Interchangeable Officer	35m
Testimony—Witness—Neighbor	05m
Cross-Examination—Witness—Neighbor	05m
Testimony—Witness—Passerby	05m
Cross-Examination—Witness—Passerby	05m
Testimony—Witness—Victim	05m
Cross-Examination—Witness—Victim	05m
Closing Statements	10m
Prosecution	05m
Defense	05m

Break 10m**GROUP Q&A –With Attorneys** 10m**End of Session** 10m**Total Session Time: 3 hours*****This particular session focuses on:***

- *Testifying in Court*

Human Resources Needed:

1 Facilitator (CI)
1 Prosecuting Attorney
1 Defense Attorney
1 Judge
3 Actors from the criminal investigation:
Neighbor
Passerby
Victim/Witness

Locations:

- *Classroom (set-up as mock courtroom prior to the session)*

Materials Needed:

- *FG Supplemental – Trial Components*
- *4 Copies of Class Case File*
- *Class Evidence from the Investigation*
- *Student names on small pieces of paper to be drawn at random for role selection*

Students Should Already Have:

- *A copy of the case file*
[THUMB DRIVE]
- *HANDOUTS on Preparing for Court from MOD 03/SES 09*
- *HANDOUT - Mock Trial Schedule*





INTRODUCTIONS

Assign attorney roles	prior to class start time
Welcome and set the scene	05 min
Introduce mock trial participants and roles	05 min
Assign students roles (jury or testifying officer)	10 min

NF:

Prior to the class start time, assign roles to the three attorneys (judge, prosecuting attorney, and defense attorney).

Welcome the volunteers to the mock trial, thank them for their participation, and give them an overview of the day's agenda. See below for a sample welcome:

First off, thank you for your effort and participation in today's mock trial. We could not do this without all of you. One of the primary goals of today's mock trial is to expose recruits to the experience of testifying, as well as learn about the courtroom process through simulation. Prior to the mock trial, recruits learned about criminal investigations by investigating a "real" crime. While investigating the crime, recruits practiced creating a case file, writing reports, diagramming crime scenes, managing crime scenes, photographing crime scenes, searching and collecting evidence at crime scenes, the id process, how to obtain and issue a search warrant, what to consider when interviewing witnesses and how to prepare for testimony if they are called to trial. Today's trial is a culmination of months of hard work. The case file the attorneys received was created by portions of student's individual case files that they created over the course of the investigation. Our goal in this process was to expose the students to criminal investigations work and courtroom testimony. Once the trial is complete, the students will have an opportunity to ask the attorney's questions and the attorneys will have an opportunity to acknowledge the group's successes as well give constructive feedback.

Assign student roles. Draw student names out of a hat for the 12 student jury members and the 18 students that will play the interchangeable officer. NOTE: The interchangeable officer will switch every 4-5 questions while on the stand, so that all 18 students get an opportunity to take the stand. When it is time for cross-examination, rotate the officers through the stand every 4-5 questions again.

LEARNING JOURNAL: Students should observe and analyze the testimonies of themselves and their peers, as well as take notes of the mock trial process as a whole. Report their reflections in their learning journal after the trial.





NTF: Due to time constraints, the defenses' case will be truncated. Let the courtroom know how the trial would normally go, but the defenses' case will not be part of the mock trial, unless time and resources are available.



GROUP EXERCISE - Mock Trial

Time: 120 min

- Materials:
- Case File
 - Evidence
 - Handout--Mock Trial Schedule

Instructions:

NTF: Manage the time to ensure that the mock trial does not run over the time limit and that several students have an opportunity to play the "interchangeable officer" on the stand. Once the class has been split between the officer and the jury members, instruct the jury members to take notes and assess the testimonies.


- Pass out *Handout --Mock Trial Schedule*

SEE SCHEDULE BELOW



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Event Name	Activity	Sub-Activity	Allotted Time
MOCK TRIAL			
	Opening Statements		10m
		Prosecution's Opening Statements	5m
		Defense's Opening Statements	5m
	Prosecution's Case-in-Chief		
		Testimony— Interchangeable Officer	35m
	BREAK		10 min
	Defenses Cross-Examination	Testimony-- Interchangeable Officer	35m
		Testimony— Witness—Neighbor	5m
	Defenses Cross-Examination	Testimony— Witness—Neighbor	5m
		Testimony— Witness—Passerby	5m
	Defenses Cross-Examination	Testimony— Witness—Passerby	5m
	Closing Statements		10m
		Prosecution	5m
		Defense	5m
	Jury deliberations and sentencing		10m
	BREAK		10m
GROUP Q&A	With attorneys		10m

