

Criminal Justice System

Role play cards

Cut out the following cards and give one to each student.



Defence barrister

Your role is to meet is to question the defendant and any witnesses during the trial and once the evidence is in, make your 'closing arguments' bringing all the information that denies or justifies the actions of the defendant to secure an 'Innocent' verdict.

Prosecution barrister

Your role is to meet is to question the defendant and any witnesses during the trial and once the evidence is in, make your 'closing arguments' bringing all the information that condemns the proves or condemns the actions of the defendant to secure a 'Guilty' verdict.

Juror 1

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 2

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 3

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 4

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 5

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 6

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 7

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 8

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 9

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 10

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 11

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.

Juror 12

Your role is to listen to all the evidence presented by the barristers for the defence and the prosecution and weigh it up as impartially as you possibly can. The burden of proof is against the prosecution and if you have 'reasonable doubt' you must vote for an 'Innocent' verdict.



Judge

Your role is to intervene and halt the court proceedings at any point at which you think that the line of questioning is unnecessary or prejudicial, and issue warnings to the defence or prosecution barristers or witnesses as necessary. This will often be a matter of judgement and you will need to weigh this up in relation to its legal significance rather than any personal value judgement or 'publicity stunt'. Your role is listen to all the evidence for and against the defendant and direct the jury towards the important legal issues they must consider before they go off to consider their verdict. Once the verdict is passed it is your role to then pass sentence on the defendant if it is a 'Guilty' verdict. This will be based on your judgement as to the severity of the crime and any extenuating circumstances there may be.