

Humanities Out There Lesson 5: Mock Trial

My group's character is: *the Witness & Defendant, Nathaniel Hawthorne.*

Anticipate Accusations by Hawthorne's Prosecution

1. _____

2. _____

SWEARING TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH

I do, your honor.

TESTIMONY I

You will be asked to tell the court why you wrote The Scarlet Letter. You could deny any evil motives, insisting that the book is only about the 1640s. Alternately, you could admit that you were using allegory to comment on the 1850s intellectual revolution, but be careful since this is the basis of the prosecution's accusations! Aim for 5-7 sentences.

TESTIMONY II

You will be asked to describe your relationship to your Puritan ancestors. Don't forget to emphasize both the good parts and the bad parts.

Brainstorm Alibis or Explanations in Hawthorne's Defense

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

SALEM v. H. PRYNNE

PROSECUTOR: R. CHILLINGSWORTH

OPENING STATEMENT

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: A. DIMMESDALE

OPENING STATEMENT

WITNESS: H. PRYNNE

TESTIMONY

SURPRISE WITNESS: _____

TESTIMONY

VERDICT AND JUSTIFICATION:

MASSACHUSETTS v. N. HAWTHORNE

PROSECUTOR: REV. A.C. COXE

OPENING STATEMENT

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: R.W. EMERSON

OPENING STATEMENT

WITNESS: N. HAWTHORNE

TESTIMONY

SURPRISE WITNESS: _____

TESTIMONY

VERDICT AND JUSTIFICATION:

MAGDALENA v. HERMAN

PROSECUTOR: MAGDALENA'S DAD

OPENING STATEMENT

DEFENSE ATTORNEY: HERMAN'S MOM

OPENING STATEMENT

WITNESS: HERMAN

TESTIMONY

SURPRISE WITNESS: _____

TESTIMONY

VERDICT AND JUSTIFICATION: