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**NAME OF FAIRY TALE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**[Guide: The first thing that happens in a trial is called opening statements. This is when each attorney can tell the jury what evidence they will present during the trial. The Prosecution Attorney goes first and the Defense Attorney goes next.]**

**JUDGE: Court is in session. We will now hear opening arguments from the prosecution and then the defense. (This is similar to the introductory paragraph in an argumentative essay. State claim and what will be used to support it.)**

**Prosecution Attorney: [Stand up and talk to the jury.] *Your Honor and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: the defendant has been charged with the crime of ……*(explain the case) …*.The evidence I present will prove to you that the defendant is guilty as charged.***

**Defense Attorney: [Stand up and talk to the jury.] *Your Honor and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: under the law my client is presumed innocent until proven guilty. During this trial, you will hear no real evidence against my client. You will come to know the truth: that* Cinderella...... (state your side of the case)..... *Therefore my client is not guilty.***

**[Guide: After the opening statements, the Prosecution Attorney calls the Prosecutor to the stand to testify. Witnesses are also called to testify about what they know about the case. The attorneys will also show physical things—like a weapon or a photograph—to the jury. These things are called exhibits. The jury may only consider an exhibit if the judge admits the exhibit into evidence when they meet to decide if the defendant is guilty or not guilty.]**

**Prosecution Attorney: Your honor, I call (PLAINTIFF) to the stand.**

**[Bailiff takes the plaintiff to the witness stand.]**

**CLERK SWEARS IN PLAINTIFF**

**[Guide: The prosecuting attorney and the plaintiff will now go through their question/answer phase. Use the outline you prepared to write your script]**

**Prosecuting Attorney:**

**(Plaintiff):**

**Prosecuting Attorney:**

**(Plaintiff):**

**Prosecuting Attorney:**

**Prosecuting Attorney: There are no more questions at this time for the plaintiff. (plaintiff leaves the stand) Now, will (plaintiff’s witness’ name) please take the stand.**

**CLERK SWEARS IN WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION**

**[Guide: The Prosecuting Attorney will ask the witness questions]**

**Prosecuting Attorney : Do you see the ( guilty person) here in court?**

**Witness: Yes, he/she is there. [point to the defendant]**

**Prosecution Attorney : Let the record show that the witness has identified the defendant sitting at the defense table [Point to defendant.]**

**Prosecution Attorney : What information might you have to help [plaintiff name]with his/her case?**

**Witness: I have/found/seen…**

**Prosecution Attorney: Your Honor, I would like to have (evidence) as people's exhibit number one and ask that they be admitted into evidence. [Give (evidence) to clerk who will pretend to put a sticker on them and hand them back.]**

**[Guide: Prosecution Attorney will now tell the court why that piece of evidence is important to the case. Then, when the Prosecuting Attorney is done….]**

**Prosecuting Attorney: I have no further questions. The Prosecution rests..**

**[Guide: The defense will now question to plaintiff’s witness to try and debunk their case. This is called cross-examination. It is similar to the COUNTERCLAIM in an argument essay.**

**Defense Attorney: [He/she will now ask the Prosecutor or Witness questions.]**

**Defense Attorney: Thank you. I have no further questions.**

**[Guide: The Defense will now begin their case]**

**Defense Attorney: Your Honor. I call [defendant’s name]. [Bailiff takes the defendant to the witness stand.]**

**CLERK SWEARS IN WITNESS**

**[Guide: The defense attorney and the defendant will now go through their question/answer phase. Use the outline you prepared to write your script]**

**Defense Attorney:**

**Defendant:**

**Defense Attorney:**

**Defendant:**

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**Defendant:**

**Defense Attorney: There are no more questions at this time for the defendant. (defendant leaves the stand) Now, will (defendant’s witness’ name) please take the stand.**

**CLERK SWEARS IN WITNESS FOR THE DEFENSE**

**[Guide: The Defense Attorney will ask the witness questions]**

**Defense Attorney : Do you see the ( defendant) here in court?**

**Witness: Yes, he/she is there. [point to the defendant]**

**Defense Attorney : Let the record show that the witness has identified the defendant sitting at the defense table [Point to defendant.]**

**Defense Attorney : What information might you have to help [defendant name]with his/her case?**

**Witness: I have/found/seen…**

**Defense Attorney: Your Honor, I would like to have (evidence) as people's exhibit number one and ask that they be admitted into evidence. [Give (evidence) to clerk]**

**[Guide: Defense Attorney will now tell the court why that piece of evidence is important to the case. Then, when the Defense Attorney is done….]**

**Defense Attorney:**

**Defense Attorney: I have no further questions. The Defense rests..**

**[Guide: The prosecuting attorney will now question the defense’s witness to try and discredit their case. This is called cross-examination. It is similar to the COUNTERCLAIM in an argument essay.**

**Prosecuting Attorney: [He/she will now ask the defense’s witness questions.]**

**Prosecuting Attorney: Thank you. I have no further questions.**

**JUDGE: Let’s hear your final arguments.**

**[Guide: The final arguments are the attorneys’ last chance to talk to the jury about the evidence and to try to convince them to see the case the way they do. Prosecution will go first/Defense will go second. This is like the concluding paragraph in an essay]**

**Prosecuting Attorney: [Stand up and face the jury.] Your Honor, and ladies and gentlemen of the jury: First,.... Second,....Third…. Therefore…. The defendant admitted…. That shows that the defendant ….. Based on the evidence, you must find the defendant guilty….**

**Defense Attorney: [Stand up and face the jury.] Your Honor, ladies and gentlemen of the jury: (name of defendant) was …...The prosecution has presented no real evidence to you to show that….... That means that there is a reasonable doubt and, therefore, you must find [him/her] not guilty…..**

**BAILIFF LEADS THE PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE TEAMS TO THE WAITING ROOM (fishbowl outside of the room) WHILE THE JURY DELIBERATES (comes to a decision).**

**[Guide: [To the jury] The next step in the trial is when the jury decides whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. Based on the evidence presented, which case was most logical? After the Jury comes to a decision, the Bailiff will go get the Prosecution and Defense.]**

**JUDGE: Jury Leader please stand and read the verdict.**

**Jury Leader: [reads verdict]**

**Bailiff: [The bailiff will escort the defendant to the jail IF he/she is guilty.]**

**JUDGE: Thank you, jury. Court is adjourned.**

**CLERK’S SCRIPT**

**Address the person who is taking the stand:**

**1. State your name**

**2. Raise your right hand and put your left**

**hand on this holy book of fairy tales.**

**3. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole**

**truth, and nothing but the truth?**

**(wait for them to answer)**

**4. You may take the stand.**