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**Guilty or Innocent?**

**Louis Riel Re-Trial Schedule**

# Mr. Martin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Make sure you come prepared on the trial date!
* Lawyers and Witnesses must have statements ready to go. In your teams you must decide this.
* The jury will be responsible for writing out their reason for selecting guilty or innocent after the trial and must select a leader for their group.

**8:30 - 8:35 Introduction**, Judge Martin (the Right Honourable)

**Court Bailiff** delivers the accused from his cell.

**8:35 - 8:40** Opening statement of Guilt by head **Prosecutor** (a prosecution lawyer)

**8:40 – 8:45**  Opening statement of Defense by **Louis** **Riel**

**8:45 – 9:00**  **Prosecution** presents any evidence and calls their **Witnesses** Forward

* Each witness is first asked a max of 3 questions by a prosecution lawyer.
* Each witness can then be “cross examined” by a defense lawyer.
* Each witness should be pared with a lawyer to practice before the case.

**9:00 – 9:05**  Brief **Recess** (break)

**9:05 – 9:10** **Defense** presents any evidence and calls their **Witnesses** Forward

* Each witness is first asked a max of 3 questions by a defense lawyer.
* Each witness can then be “cross examined” by a prosecution lawyer.
* Each witness should be pared with a lawyer to practice before the case.

**9:10 – 9:15** Brief **Recess** (break)

**9:15 – 9:25 Closing** **statements** by both sides (Prosecution goes first). Final chance for

Riel to speak.

**9:25 – 9:40 Jury** deliberates.

* Jury presents their **verdict**
* Judge delivers the **sentence**.

**Tips!**

**Lawyers:**

* All evidence must be approved by the bailiff for security reasons. If not on the bailiff’s confidential list before the trial, evidence is not admissible.
* Witnesses must be prepped. Prepare your questions and practice them with your side’s witnesses.
* Plan difficult questions you could ask the opposition witnesses during cross examination.
* The prosecution must have one volunteer lead the group by starting off with the charges against Louis Riel (ex: On behalf of the gov’t of Canada we hereby charge the accused, Mr. Louis Riel with…)
* Be prepared to come up with a concluding statement at the end of trial 9can be pre-planned but best to adapt on the go).

**Witnesses:**

* Don’t look like a fool on the stand!Practice your “honest” answers to convince the jury of

your side.

* Know your facts about who you are. You must answer every question during cross examination.

**Jury:**

* Know your facts! Be prepared for trial so you can make the best decision. You must write a paragraph detailing why you made your decision on the trial day.
* One of you must lead the jury as the counter of votes and present your findings to the court.

**Bailiff:**

* All evidence must be approved by the bailiff for security reasons. You must collect a list of

what is being brought to court and keep it secure by providing it to the judge at the end of each class.

**Everyone:**

* Want **20/20 for participation**? Start by showing you are serious and wear business attire.
* Don’t forget your 2 assignments. Both are due by the last day of class.