

Teacher:

B. Mason

Subject Area:

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

Room No.:

517

Lesson Title:

Roles of Courtroom Participants

Lesson Date:

01/12 Thru 01/16

Meeting Time/Period:

1st, 3rd 5th

Grade Levels:

9 - 11

TEKS:

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Essential Question:

What are the functions of the different participants in the courtroom?

The student will / can...

- *Explain how professional and nonprofessional courtroom participants work together to bring most criminal trials to a successful close*
- *Explain the roles of expert and lay witnesses in a criminal trial and describe how their testimonies might differ*

Activities:

- *Divide the students into three groups:
Group 1 – Physical layout of a courtroom
Group 2 – Courtroom decorum
Group 3 – Courtroom rules
Hand instructions out to each group. (Realize the difference between decorum-behavior/etiquette-and rules-policies/guidelines/local rules of a court). Each group will use the internet to research its topic. Each group will present its topic either with some sort of visual (poster board, computer-based presentation, etc.) or performance (acting, puppets, etc.). Once the students have completed research and developed a presentation, have the groups present to and teach the other students. Use the Courtroom Presentation Rubric for assessment*

Marzano Strateg(ies):

- *Summarizing and Note taking*
- *Classroom work and Practice*
- *Providing Feedback*
- *Recognition*
- *Q & A*

Instructional Delivery:

- *Warm up*

- *Unit 1 Review Notes*

Independent Practice:

- *Review Notes Unit 1/Reteach*
- *Unit 1 Quiz and Review*
- *Engage in each person's function in the courtroom*

Closure: Upon completion of lesson, students will be able to answer the following questions:

- (A) Identify the sources and origin of law in the United States*
- (B) Explain the impact of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights on criminal law in regard to the rights of citizens*
- (C) Differentiate between crimes classified as felonies and misdemeanors and the punishment for each*
- (D) Analyze the essential elements and classifications of a crime*
- (E) Identify the problems commonly associated with the enforcement of criminal laws; and*
- (F) Outline the process by which laws are enacted Identify career opportunities in federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies*

Materials/References:

- *Internet*
- *Slides*

