

## Tensions Run Over: Mock Trial Rubric

### *Individual Performance*

10 points	15 points	20 points	25 points	30 points
Student participated in trial	Limited knowledge of his/her own character or the character s/he was questioning.  Judge/Bailiff: displayed a limited knowledge of trial procedure.	Basic understanding of his/her character or the character s/he was questioning.  Judge/Bailiff: basic control of trial procedure.	Comfortable in his/her character; able to answer/ask most relevant questions.  Judge/Bailiff: controlled courtroom and most courtroom procedures were followed.	Displays mastery of character, and able to answer/ask all relevant questions.  Judge/Bailiff: created and maintained smooth trial procedure; objections were resolved quickly and appropriately.

### *Team Performance*

10 points	15 points	20 points	25 points	30 points
Little evidence of team strategy and organization.	Each team member was aware of his or her role and all roles were filled.	Team maintained consistent questioning, and there is evidence of a team strategy.	Team displayed a common defense or prosecution strategy through the testimony of multiple witnesses.	Team displayed solid strategy with multiple witnesses, testimony supported the defense or prosecution theme.

### *Essay*

10 points	15 points	20 points	25 points	30 points
Essay states character's role.	Essay describes basic information of character (witness, judge, bailiff), or three to five general questions (attorney).	Essay describes information of character including accurate perspective of the events; attorney's questions are specific to character.	Essay describes characters logical perspective of events beyond what is given in information sheet; attorney's questions are specific to characters and build on a common legal strategy.	Essay contains information from further research and accurately describes character's perspective of events; attorney's questions are specific and contain follow-up questions for multiple responses.