

Handout 21
Mock argument rubrics

For arguers:

Category	3	2	1	0
Factual support	Refers to facts from the depositions regularly and accurately	Sometimes refers to facts from the depositions	Regularly forgets, misstates, or ignores the facts of the case	Does not demonstrate any knowledge of the facts of the case
Legal support	Refers to and effectively uses relevant Supreme Court opinions when arguing	Refers to relevant Supreme Court opinions but is not clear about how those opinions support the speaker's point	Demonstrates minimal knowledge of any of the Supreme Court opinions	Does not attempt to refer to any relevant Supreme Court opinions
Rebuttals and Questions	Comfortably responds to questions from the judges and unfavorable arguments from the opposite side	Responds to some questions or opposing arguments, but ignores others that need to be addressed	Gives quick and minimal answers to judge's questions without engaging in the problem presented	Does not attempt to respond to questions or address the other side's arguments at all
Listening	Listens attentively to judge's questions, opposing arguers, and arguers on own team	Listens attentively during own round but does not listen to everyone else's round	Does not pay attention when opposing side is arguing	Distracts the class from the mock arguments and does not engage
Preparation and participation	Completed all necessary preparation and practice during class time	Completed some necessary preparation and practice during class time	Did not complete all necessary preparation or did not practice during class time	Did not turn in the preparation at all and did not use class time to practice or prepare

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Total: _____ / 15 points

Unit 5: Lesson 9
 First Amendment Rights in Schools

For judges:

Category	3	2	1	0
Factual knowledge	Asks questions with accurate references to the facts from the depositions	Questions are sometimes grounded in the facts from the depositions	Regularly forgets, misstates, or ignores the facts	Does not demonstrate any knowledge of the facts of the case
Legal knowledge	Asks detailed questions with accurate references to the Supreme Court opinions	Questions are sometimes related to the Supreme Court opinions, but only superficially	Demonstrates minimal knowledge of any of the Supreme Court opinions	Does not attempt to ask about any Supreme Court opinions
Rebuttals and Questions	Asks several relevant questions throughout the arguments; interrupts politely and asks follow-up questions when appropriate	Asks some questions throughout the arguments but does not engage with the speaker's responses	Only asks one or two questions throughout the arguments; questions are over-simplified	Does not attempt to ask any questions or engage with the speakers at all
Listening	Listens attentively to other judge's questions and all arguers	Listens attentively during some rounds but does not others	Does not pay full attention to the arguers or other judges	Distracts the class from the mock arguments and does not engage
Preparation and participation	Completed all necessary preparation during class time	Completed some necessary preparation during class time	Did not complete all necessary preparation during class time	Did not turn in the preparation at all and did not use class time to prepare

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