**The Trial of Genghis Khan**

Due to recent advances in historical and scientific technology, we have been able to bring

Genghis Khan back to life to stand trial on behalf of the Mongol Empire that he created. The prosecution has brought the following charges against Genghis Khan:

**Genghis Khan and his descendants were uncivilized conquerors and rulers who had a negative impact on history.**

Every person in class will participate in the trial (see roles below). If you are absent the day of

the trial, you will write a paper essay supporting or refuting the charges.

**Roles:**

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| **Possible Defense Roles:** | **Possible Prosecution Roles:** |
| * Attorneys (2) * Researcher * Genghis Khan * Kublai Khan * Marco Polo * Mongol Government Official * Mongol Woman * Ivan I of Moscow Merchant | * Attorneys (2) * Researcher * Pope Innocent IV * A Prisoner of war * Resident of Kiev, Rus * Chinese peasant * Al-Musta’sim, Caliph of Baghdad * Jalal ad-Din Mingburnu Sultan of Khwarezmian |

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| **Attorneys** | **Witness** | **Jury** |
| * Create opening and closing statements * Assist your team with the preparation of three substantive questions for direct and 3 questions for cross-examination * Deliver opening/closing statement * Call and cross-examine witnesses * None-acting attorneys should take notes for future use * **To turn in: Statements, Questions** | * Thoroughly research your role and understand how you fit into the larger picture of the trial * anticipate two questions each side may ask you * Help with the creation of direct and cross examination questions. * Take notes to help prepare yourself for questioning * **To turn in: Witness Research/Predictions/Notes** | * Prepare research for verdict paper by finding information about each witness. * Predict how each witness will be used in trial * Take notes during trial for deliberations * Deliberate and deliver verdict * **To turn in: Witness Research/Predictions/Notes** |

**Duties:**

HOW THE TRIAL WILL WORK

1. Prosecution and Defense make opening statements (2 minutes each side)

2. Prosecution calls witnesses

a. May ask questions (minimum of three)

b. Defense cross-examines witnesses, (minimum of three)

3. Defense calls witnesses

a. May ask questions (minimum of three)

b. Defense cross-examines witnesses, (minimum of three)

4. Closing statements for Prosecution and Defense (2 minutes each side)

5. Jury Deliberation and Verdict

PREPARATION

* Prosecution and defense teams will meet to plan strategy, divide up responsibilities, and prepare questions for each witness
* Witnesses will prepare for parts by taking notes from textbooks, primary sources, and other secondary sources and be prepared to answer questions during the trial.
  + **Note: Witnesses or Jurors who finishes their duties will act as researchers for their respective teams**
* On the day of the trial, all students will be prepared to act out their role.
* Printed “evidence” is encouraged
* Dressing up (both as character or nicely) will result in extra credit