



MS Mock Trial

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Prerequisites:

- This class is open to all students in grades 6-8.
- MS Logic is encouraged but not required.



Course Description:

Mock Trial will be a gentle, relaxed and non-competitive approach to Mock Trial from a Christian worldview. A mock trial is simply a pretend trial. Students will learn the basics of the judicial system, types of cases, the steps in a trial, and how to argue persuasively. Students will grow in their ability to debate, speak publicly and work as a team for a common purpose. After learning basic information about the U.S. judicial system, each student will participate in a few mock trials in which he/she will act as the judge, attorney, witness, bailiff and/or member of the jury.



Commitment:

- The average homework commitment will be approximately an hour per week. A student's homework could be more during the actual weeks of the mock trials depending on their role in the mock trial.
- Optional Parent Volunteer Options: Parents are welcome to come act as jury members for one of our mock trials.



A typical class will look like...

Class time will be spent learning a basic overview of the judicial system through discussion, activities and small group work. We will be practicing what we learn about the judicial system through the process of preparing and performing a few mock trials. Students will collaborate in small groups to prepare for the mock trials. At least one mock trial will include a parent volunteer jury.



Books and Supplies*

Required Materials to purchase:

- ½ to 1-inch binder
- notebook paper
- pens and pencils

*Tutor will provide required book with \$25 lab fee.