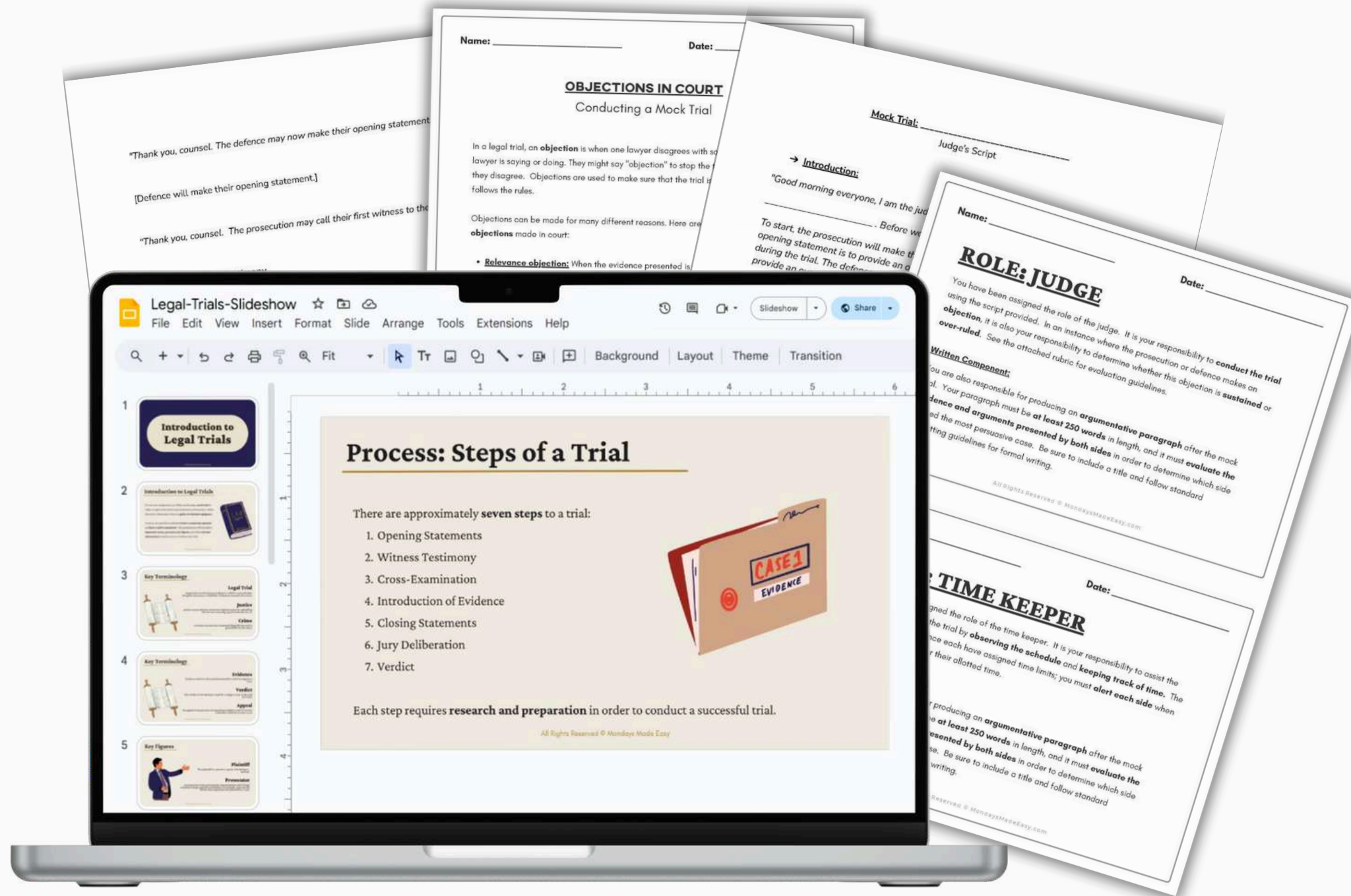


# Mock Trial Assessment Outline

This resource has everything needed for a successful mock trial, accommodating over 30 students with unique, differentiated roles



- Guide students through courtroom procedures with an engaging legal trial slideshow, including **key terminology and video lessons** for each trial step
- Assign up to **32 student roles** with **detailed descriptions** and **customized role outlines** to foster critical thinking and participation
- Equip students with an **objections cheat sheet** to prepare them for a successful mock trial experience

**Teach key themes & characterization  
in any short story or novel!**

**PURCHASE HERE**

# See what others are saying...

Here's what teachers like you are loving about this **Mock Trial Assignment!**

 **Extremely Satisfied**

I used this resource as a cumulative task for a play we studied, and my class could not stop talking about it. They were completely engaged the entire time, and all of the students said the mock trial was the highlight of the semester for them. I will absolutely use this assignment again!

– Samantha M.

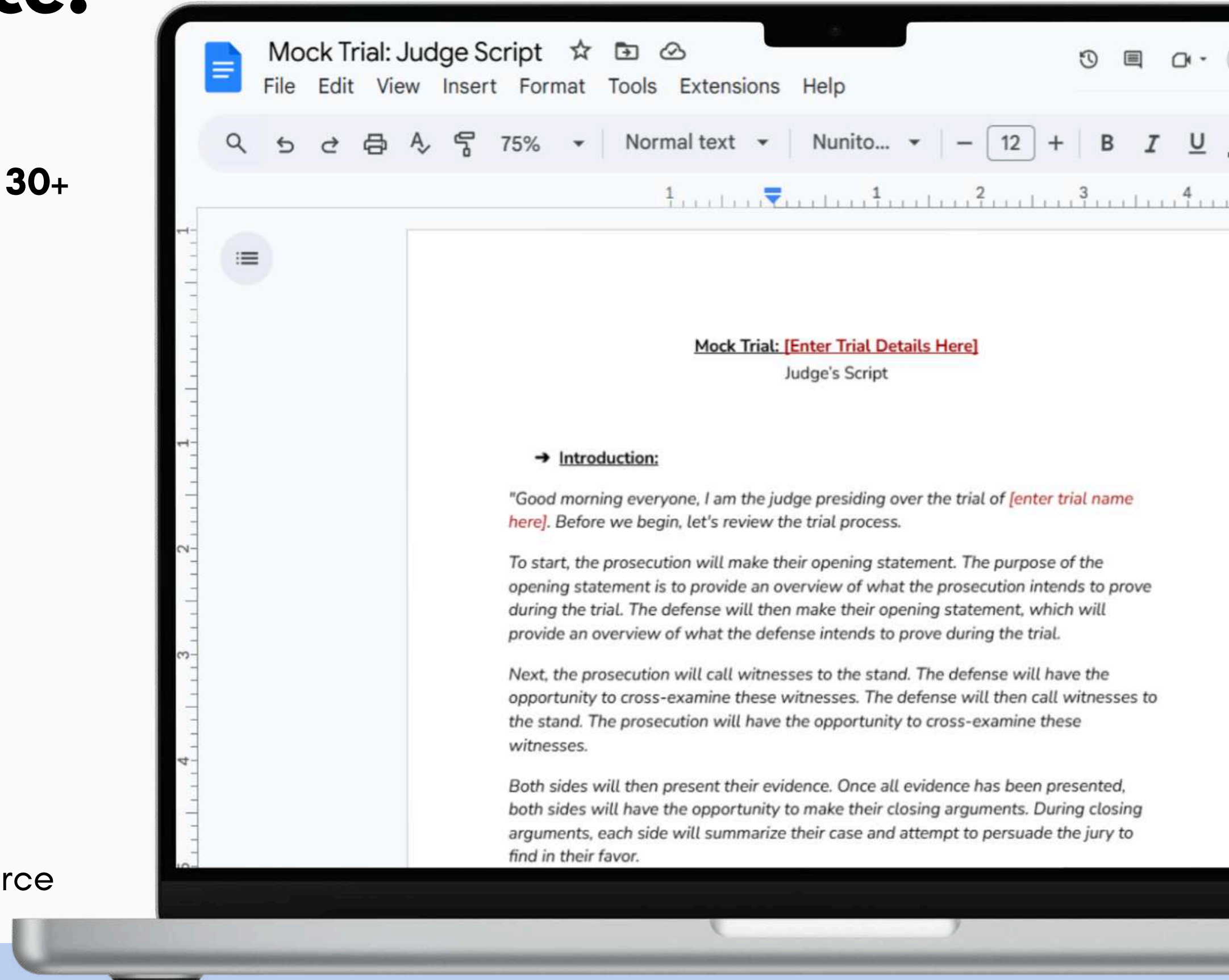
 **Extremely Satisfied**

This resource was very helpful for the culminating activity in our Serial podcast unit. Seniors completed a mock trial, and the materials were helpful in preparing students and organizing their information in advance of the trial itself.

– Alicia D.

# Included with this resource:

- ✓ Legal Trial **Slideshow Lesson**
- ✓ Various Mock Trial **Role Descriptions** for up to **30+** Students
- ✓ Mock Trial **Objections Cheat Sheet**
- ✓ Editable Mock Trial **Judge Script**
- ✓ Editable **Trial Time Table**
- ✓ Editable **Role Outlines** for Each Role
- ✓ Editable Universal 4-Level **Mock Trial Rubric**
- ✓ **BONUS: News Report Outline** for Media Representative Roles
- ✓ **Teacher Instructions** for how to use this resource



Includes Digital Version for Google Drive®

# Legal Trial Slideshow

This slideshow will guide students through important terminology and key figures in the courtroom

## Key Figures



### **Plaintiff**

The plaintiff is a person or party who brings a lawsuit.

## Process: Steps of a Trial

There are approximately **seven steps** to a trial:

1. Opening Statements
2. Witness Testimony
3. Cross-Examination
4. Introduction of Evidence



## Step One: Opening Statements

To start the trial, the prosecution and defence attorneys make their **opening statements** to the jury, outlining their arguments and what they hope to prove. This statement is not a discussion, and objections are not permitted at this time.

[Watch an example here](#)



## Introduction to Legal Trials

For our next assignment, we will be conducting a **mock trial** in order to explore the actions and motivations of characters within the story to determine if they are **guilty of criminal negligence**.

To do so, we must first understand **how a courtroom operates** and **how a trial is conducted**. This presentation will introduce **important terms, processes, key figures**, and other **relevant information** to teach us how to lead our own trial.



# Mock Trial Role Descriptions

This resource offers detailed role descriptions to ensure every student has clear guidelines and responsibilities

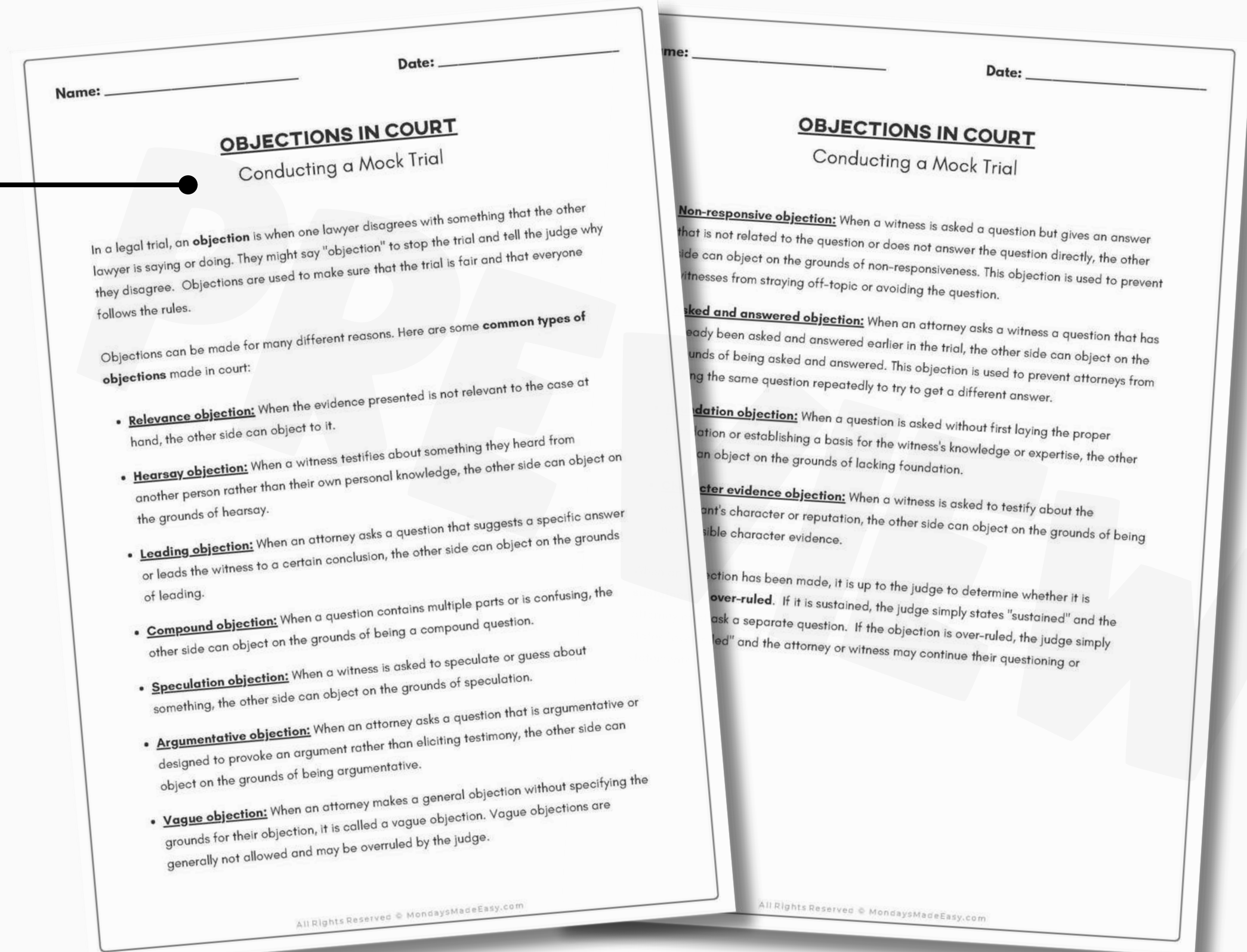


Assign students roles with **32 differentiated options** available!

# Mock Trial Objections Cheat Sheet

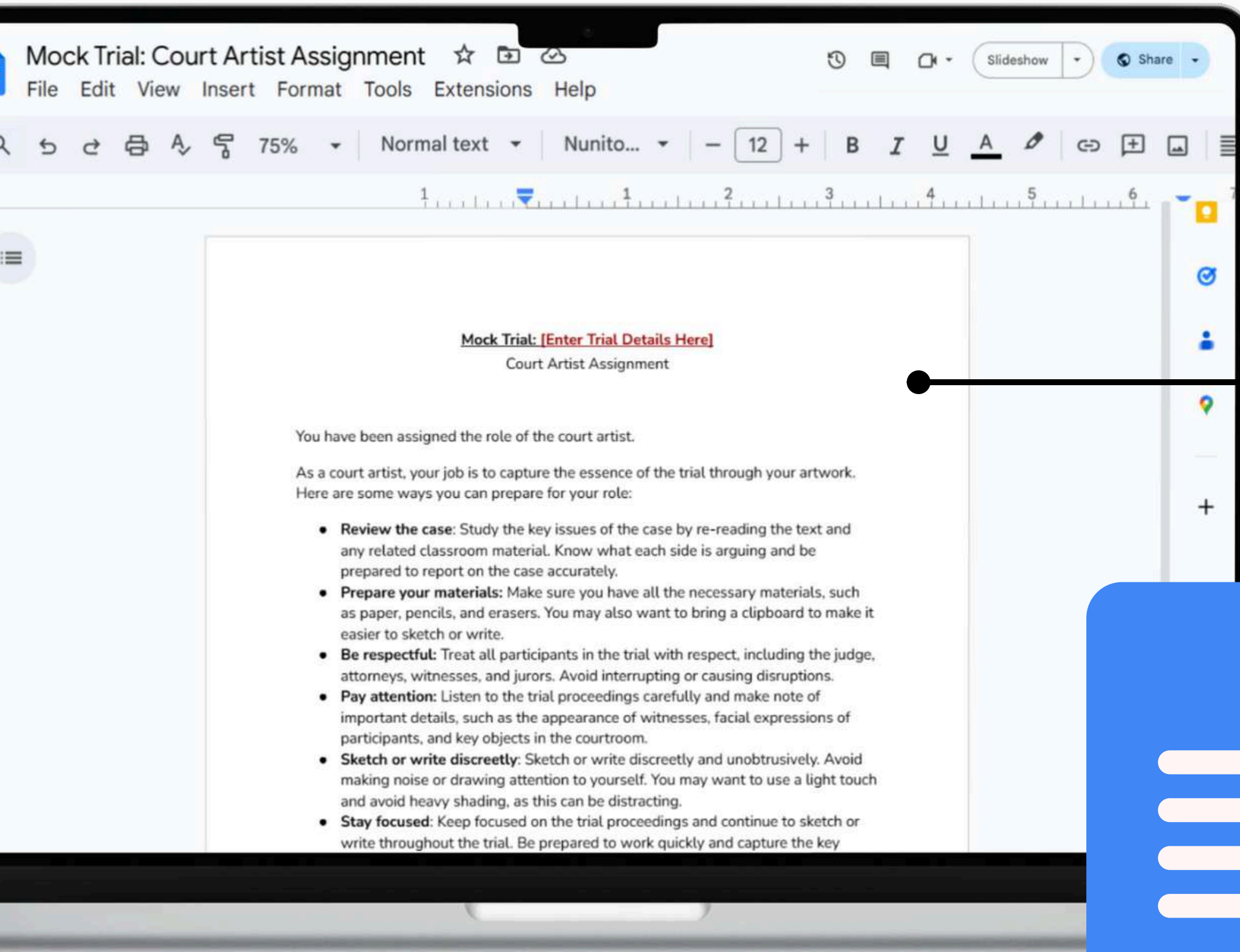
This sheet provides quick reference guidelines for prosecutors and defense attorneys

Empower students to **respond confidently and accurately** during the mock trial proceedings!



# Editable Mock Trial Role Outlines

These outlines offer clear instructions and key talking points for each participant



**30+**  
**Adaptable**  
**Roles!**

# Includes Editable & Ready-to-Print 4-Level Rubric

Modify this rubric to meet the unique needs of your classroom

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (%) \_\_\_\_\_

**4-Level Rubric: Mock Trial**

Category	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
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<b>Application</b>	Approaching success with preparation and portrayal of mock trial role  Knowledge of the process of a legal trial requires reviewing  See comments below	Preparation and portrayal of mock trial role is somewhat successful  Some knowledge of the process of a legal trial  See comments below	Preparation and portrayal of mock trial role meet expectations  Excellent knowledge of the process of a legal trial	Preparation and portrayal of mock trial role exceed expectations  Exceptional knowledge of the process of a legal trial

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Editable 4-Level Rubric Mock Trial

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