

Historical Legal Brief



Your task: As a defense lawyer your job is to prove your client is not guilty of crimes he/she is accused of. Write a legal brief defending a particular person or group in history. You will create an opening statement and describe what witnesses you would call and what you would ask them.

Instructions: Copy and complete the sheet below

Name of Defendant: _____

Crime Accused of: _____

I. Opening statement- Write one paragraph summarizing the issues at hand and to introduce what you will present as evidence to defend your client.

II. Witnesses- Explain who would you call to testify for your client.

1. First witness to be called: _____

i. First question:

ii. Second question:

Information this witness will provide:

2. Second witness to be called: _____

i. First question:

ii. Second question:

Information this witness will provide: