**CE.10 Judicial Unit Project Instructions**

You have just been hired as a writer for the hit TV show “Law and Order”! You are immediately assigned to write their season premiere episode. Create an episode so exciting and shocking, it should be CRIMINAL!

Your episode has the following requirements:

It must be a minimum of 7 scenes. The breakdown of your seven scenes is below:

Scene 1: **The Crime –** Show the offense being committed.

Scene 2: **The Arrest** – What was the probable cause for the arrest?

Scene 3: **Bail or Jail Hearing** – Is the defendant released on bail or

committed to jail?

Scene 4: **The Arraignment** – Include all three things that occur

at the arraignment.

Scene 5: **The Trial** – Which court are you at? Judge or justice? Jury or

no jury? Present arguments from the defense and

prosecution, testimony from witnesses, etc.

Scene 6: **Appeals?** – You must include a discussion of the appeal

process between the defendant and attorney, in case he/she is

found guilty! Where would your appeal case next be heard?

Scene 7: **The Verdict**  - Guilty or not guilty

**You must include the following vocabulary:**

Original jurisdiction, appellate jurisdiction, arraignment, felony *or* misdemeanor, judge *or* justice, defendant

**EXTRAS:**

You must include a description of each setting for each scene before the action takes place (think *Diary of Anne Frank*) and a list of characters.

**Grading Rubric**

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| Vocabulary Usage | 6 pts |  |
| 7 scenes | 7 pts |  |
| Crime  Is it a crime? | 2 pts |  |
| Arrest on Probable Cause  What was the probable  cause? | 3 pts |  |
| Bail or Jail  Was defendant sent to  jail or released on bail? | 3 pts |  |
| Arraignment  Attorney appointed?  Plea entered?  Probable cause review? | 3 pts  3 pts  3 pts |  |
| Trial Correctness  Defense argument?  Prosecution argument?  Orig. Jurisdiction court?  Judge/Justice?  Jury/No Jury?  Testimonies? | 2 pts  2 pts  3 pts  3 pts  3 pts  3 pts |  |
| Appeal Discussion  What courts would hear  all subsequent appeals? | 3 pts |  |
| Verdict | 2 pts |  |
| All “Extra Pieces” | 2 pts |  |
| Creativity | 7 pts |  |

**Law and Order Brainstorming**

*On a separate sheet of notebook paper, answer the questions below.*

Characters:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scene 1: **The Crime**

1. What crime is being committed?
2. Felony or misdemeanor?
3. Where? Who is involved?

Scene 2: **The Arrest**

1. What is the probable cause for the arrest?
2. Where? Who is involved?

Scene 3: **Bail or Jail Hearing**

1. Is the defendant released on bail or committed to jail?
2. What is the bail amount if bail is granted?
3. Where? Who is involved?

Scene 4: **The Arraignment**

1. Does the defendant have an attorney appointed to them?
2. Review the probable cause again.
3. How does the defendant plead?
4. Where? Who is involved?

Scene 5: **The Trial** –

1. Which court are you at? Judge or justice? Jury or no jury?
2. What are the arguments of the prosecution? The defense?

Scene 6: **Appeals**

1. Where would your appeal case next be heard?

Scene 7: **The Verdict**

1. How does the jury/judge rule?