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* Is your character sympathetic to the victim or the murderer? Have you thought of your reasons why you are sympathetic to one or the other?
* Have you talked to the lawyers who are going to call you to the stand (either the prosecution or the defense) about the questions they might ask you? If not, check in with them so you are prepared for what’s coming…
* Have you anticipated what the other team of lawyers might ask you? How they might try to call your story into question or make you seem less credible? Make sure you anticipate what the other side is going to ask so you don’t get surprised on the stand.
* Do you have your facts straight? Do you know how many times the victim was stabbed, etc? If you are a police officer in the trial, make 100% sure that you can answer all of the factual questions appropriately, because that is what the lawyers are going to ask you about on the stand.
* Do you know when in the trial you are testifying? Have you written out your statement for what you are going to say on the stand?
	+ Does it mostly include logical arguments?
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	+ Questioning each witness
	+ Cross-examining the other side’s witnesses
	+ Closing statement
	+ If you have not yet decided who is doing which piece, decide that FIRST THING. Do NOT leave the room today without knowing this!
* Have you coordinated as a team of lawyers about what your main overall argument is going to be, so that your statements and questions will all fit together? If not, that needs to be your very next step!!
* Have you talked with the witnesses for your side to make sure you know their key information (name, age, what facts they are prepared to give on the stand, etc.) Go over these things with your witnesses so you can prepare to question them.
* Do you have the list of the incontrovertible facts of the case? If not, make sure you have it.
* Have you written questions for your cross-examination of the other side’s witnesses? How are you going to try to call their information into question?
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