Grade 12 Course Culminating Activity: International Law Mock Trial – 20%

**Assignment:** As a course culminating activity you will participate in an International Law Mock Trial. You will prepare for and assume a role in the trial. It is important that you know trial procedure and that you prepare for your role in the trial.

**Step 1:** Read and Understand the Case. You need to read the entire package and fill out the Trial Preparation Organizer you have been given. The organizer will be handed in as a part of your Trial Preparation Mark.

**Step 2:** Read and understand your role. After you have read the case, read your role. How do you interpret it? What additional information do you need to find out about it? Fill out the remainder of your Trial Preparation Organizer.

**Step 3:** Prepare for your role. This depends on your role. You may need to interview witnesses; you may be a witness being interviewed or. You may be a judge who needs to ensure they understand trial procedures and meets with lawyers. No matter what role you have, make sure you prepare for it. Get into character and if need be, research your character; you won’t have an exact person to research, but you may find examples of your type of character in videos like the ones we watched in class.

**Step 4:** Participate in the International Law Mock Trial. You will take on your role in the trial and to the best of your ability participate in the case. Note: your mark does not depend on if your side wins or not.

**Step 5:** Mock Trial Reflection. On exam day you will bring in your Mock Trial Reflection that asks you to reflect on what you learned during the mock trial, your participation in the mock trial and your feelings about the verdict in the mock trial. It should be ½ page single spaced.

**Roles:**

Arthur Mabo – Josh

Prosecutor & Victim’s Lawyers – Emerson, Sav

Defense – Blake, Avery

Judge – Hamish

Un Observer (Witness for Both) – Amado

Un Soldier – Zack

Anna Kabolo – Zack

Alia Rutu (Witness for the Victim) – Laffin Reads Statement

Thomas Gaba (Witness for Accused) – Amado

**Evaluation**

Rubric Mock Trial Preparation and Participation – 15%

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| Criteria | Level 1 (50 – 59%) | Level 2 (60 – 69%) | Level 3 (70 – 79%) | Level 4 (80 – 100%) |
| Knowledge  Do you demonstrate knowledge of your role? (Pre – Trial Organizer) | You demonstrate limited knowledge of your role in the trial. | You demonstrate some knowledge of your role in the trial. | You demonstrate considerable knowledge of your role in the trial. | You demonstrate thorough knowledge of your role and other roles in the trial. |
| Thinking  Do you conduct research about international law, child soldiers and conflict? (Pre – Trial Organizer) | You have 1 secondary source explained/  summarized in your organizer. | You have 2 secondary sources explained/  summarized in your organizer. | You have 3 secondary sources explained/  summarized in your organizer. | You have more than 3 secondary sources explained/  summarized in your organizer. |
| Communication  Do you demonstrate an understanding of international law trial practices? (Mock Trial)  Do you take on the role of the person you were assigned? (Mock Trial) | During the trial you demonstrate a limited ability to communicate your understanding of international law.  You demonstrate a limited ability to communicate your role. | During the trial you demonstrate some ability to communicate your understanding of international law.  You demonstrate some ability to communicate your role. | During the trial you demonstrate a considerable ability to communicate your understanding of international law.  You demonstrate a considerable ability to communicate your role. | You demonstrate an exceptional understanding of international law focusing on war crimes during the mock trial.  You authentically communicate your role during the mock trial. |
| Application  Do you apply your learning from the unit in your preparation? (Pre – Trial Organizer) | You demonstrate a limited ability to apply what you learned about international law in your organizer. | You demonstrate some ability to apply what you learned about international law in your organizer. | Your organizer has considerable explanation of international law and how it applies to your case. | You apply a wide variety of your learning throughout your organizer and take unique / nuanced perspectives on issues. |

**Pre - Trial Organizer**

Complete by typing into the organizer and print it out to hand in prior to the trial.

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| **Understanding / Explaining Your Role** | **Research Conducted** | **International Law** | **Trial Prediction & Rationale** |
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Post-Trial Reflection Rubric – 5%

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| Criteria | Level 1 (50 – 59%) | Level 2 (60 – 69%) | Level 3 (70 – 79%) | Level 4 (80 – 100%) |
| Knowledge  Do you demonstrate knowledge of International Law? | You demonstrate a limited understanding of international law. | You demonstrate some understanding of international law. | You demonstrate considerable understanding of international law. | You have a deep understanding of international law from both inside and outside the trial. |
| Thinking  Do you analyze the mock trial? | You have few thoughts on the mock trial. | You explain some of your experiences during the mock trial. | You explain your experiences during the mock trial with considerable detail. | You explain your experiences and your overall observations of the mock trial in exceptional detail. |
| Communication  Do you clearly communicate your experience during the mock trial? | Your writing is unclear at times. | You explain your experiences in paragraph form. | You explain your experiences in paragraph form, with proper grammar and spelling. | You explain your experiences in paragraph form, with proper grammar, spelling and with a sense of passion and voice on the issues discussed. |
| Application  Do you reflect on the validity of the verdict and various occurrences in relation to international law during the mock trial? | Your reflection lacks detail and perspective. | Your reflection has some details of how you applied international law. | Your reflection demonstrates a considerable ability to apply your learning to the mock trial. | Your reflection demonstrates an exceptional ability to discuss in detail important aspects of what you learned about international law and how it was applied in your mock trial. |