

Imperialism Trial

Africans (etc.) VS. Europeans (etc.)

Those areas of the world who have been Imperialized are arguing that Imperialism is wrong, while the nations that were imperial powers must justify what they did during this historical period. Each side should come up with an argument for their side and try to prove it with witness testimony and cross examinations.

Roles: Each side chooses 2 lawyers and each student chooses a character from the period. Characters may be true historical figures or a made up person that is historically accurate, i.e.: people who benefited from or suffered because of imperialism.

--Opening lawyer makes opening statement.

--Closing lawyer makes closing statement at the end of the trial.

Lawyers should take turns examining and cross examining witnesses.
(Tag team)

Make lists of question and talk to your witnesses in advance.

Lawyers will act as group leaders.

Characters Each will be called as a witness and should have a 1 page character sketch that details their testimony and information about them. Prepare for your testimony but also be ready to be cross examined by the others sides lawyer.

Witness List

Each side must give a list of witnesses with a one sentence description to the other side on the day before the trial.

Judge and Jury role will played by the teacher who may rule testimony inaccurate (this hurts your case) and will also decide who wins. Each team will receive a group score with small changes for active individual participation.

Any student who is absent must write 2 one page papers explaining each side argument. Hand in within 2 days