

Closing Argument Project for *Antigone*

Name _____

For this project, you are to imagine yourself as a lawyer in a court of law. The case before you is *The People vs. Antigone*. You may choose to be counsel for the state or for the defense.

You should prepare a closing argument approximately 2 minutes in length. You, of course, will want to review the most pertinent pieces of evidence (at least three) and argue your most compelling argument as you will need to persuade the jury of your client's innocence, or the defendant's guilt.

The day of the trial, you will be able to use the lectern if you choose to hold any notes you may have. You will want to practice your closing argument before the day you need to conclude your argument. Use your best "lawyer's" voice, gestures, and posture to convince the jury that YOU are right!

The jury will use the following rubric to help them decide the outcome of the trial:

Length of closing argument in minutes: _____

Amount of evidence reviewed:

1 2 3 4 5 6+

Evidence germane to argument:

1 2 3 4 5

Use of persuasive tactics: (ethos, pathos, logos)

1 2 3 4 5

Quality of Delivery: (rate, pitch, volume, gestures, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5

Assumes a "lawyerly" aspect: (tone, posture, dress, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5

Overall Effect:

1 2 3 4 5

Comments: