**Prosecution Preparation**

*Complete the following script in preparation for your trial. Make sure to include what you will be doing in the “actions” column. Public speaking should include more than just talking. Be creative, dramatic, and interactive! In order to “win” the trial, the prosecution must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that there is probable cause and that they have obtained multiple pieces of evidence that link your client to the crime scene.*

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| **Slide** | **Script** | **Action** |
| Opening Statement | Start with an anecdote, quote or question that previews what you will be presenting to the jury. What was the crime? Who did it? End with a thesis that explains how you will prove the defendant is guilty. |  |
| Probable Cause | Use eyewitness accounts to establish probable cause that the defendant had the means, motive, and opportunity to commit the crime. |  |
| Evidence #1 Introduction | Introduce your first piece of evidence. What is it? Where was it found? |  |
| Evidence #1 Background | Give the jury background knowledge to be able to understand the first piece of evidence that you will present. |  |
| Evidence #1  Findings | Present the jury your evidence so that they know beyond a reasonable doubt that it matches the defendant. |  |
| Evidence #2 Introduction | Introduce your second piece of evidence. What is it? Where was it found? |  |
| Evidence #2 Background | Give the jury background knowledge to be able to understand the second piece of evidence that you will present. |  |
| Evidence #2  Findings | Present the jury your evidence so that they know beyond a reasonable doubt that it matches the defendant. |  |
| Evidence #3 Introduction | Introduce your third piece of evidence. What is it? Where was it found? |  |
| Evidence #3 Background | Give the jury background knowledge to be able to understand the third piece of evidence that you will present. |  |
| Evidence #3  Findings | Present the jury your evidence so that they know beyond a reasonable doubt that it matches the defendant. |  |
| Evidence #4 Introduction | Introduce your fourth piece of evidence. What is it? Where was it found? |  |
| Evidence #4 Background | Give the jury background knowledge to be able to understand the third piece of evidence that you will present. |  |
| Evidence #4  Findings | Present the jury your evidence so that they know beyond a reasonable doubt that it matches the defendant. |  |
| Closing Statement | Review the evidence against the defendant. Close with an action statement. |  |