Practicing Questioning Techniques Activity Sheet

Directions: After you have read and discussed the Jack and the Beanstalk Fact Packet and named some possible witnesses, identify the goal your side is trying to achieve. If you are trying to prove that the Defendant is not guilty, you are on the Defense side. If you are trying to prove that the Defendant is guilty, you are on the side of the Prosecution. Fill in the goal you want to achieve. Then brainstorm three direct questions for the witnesses on your side that you think will help you reach your goal, and three leading questions of the witnesses for the other side that will help you reach your goal. You can brainstorm as a whole team, in small groups, or individually.

Possible Witnesses: (*Name two for each side.)

Witnesses for the Defense: 1) _______________________________ 2) _______________________________

Witnesses for the Prosecution: 1) _______________________________ 2) _______________________________

Our goal is to prove that Jack is _____________________ of criminal trespass.

Guilty or Not Guilty

Three direct questions:

1. _______________________________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________________________

Three leading questions:

1. _______________________________________________________________________________________

2. _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. _______________________________________________________________________________________