**The Trial of Ivan IV Vasilyevich**

Due to recent advances in historical and scientific technology, we have been able to bring Czar Ivan back to life to stand trial on behalf of the Russian Empire that he created. The prosecution has brought the following charges against Czar Ivan:

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| Czar Ivan’s leadership provided an environment of instability and chaos the within the Russian Empire. |

Every person in class will participate in the trial (see the roles below). If you are absent the day of the trial, you will complete a five paragraph essay supporting or refuting the charges.

Roles for the Trail of Genghis Khan:

1. Czar Ivan
2. Prosecution Attorneys (2)
3. Prosecution Researcher
4. Defense Attorneys (2)
5. Defense Researcher
6. Jury Member (4)
7. Member of the Oprichniki (police force created by Ivan)
8. Metropolitan Filipp Kolychev (imprisoned by Ivan, mysteriously strangled to death)
9. Anastasia Romanorna (wife)
10. Yelena Sheremeteva (daughter in law)
11. Ivan Ivanovich (son)
12. Russian soldier
13. Prince Andrei Kurbsky (friend)
14. Prince Yuri Glinsky (uncle)
15. Novgorod Archbishop
16. Alexis Adashev (friend)
17. Prince Andrew Shviksy (leader of the boyars)
18. Feodor (son)
19. Monk Sylvester (friend)
20. Mongol soldier defeated by Ivan
21. Peter the Great
22. Head of the Bureau of Criminal Affairs

How the trial will work:

1. Prosecution and Defense make opening statements (2 minutes each side)
2. Prosecution calls witnesses
   1. May ask 20 questions total
   2. Defense cross-examines witnesses, may ask 20 questions total
3. Defense call witnesses
   1. May ask 20 questions total
   2. Prosecution cross-examines witnesses, may ask 20 questions total
4. Closing statements for Prosecution and Defense (2 minutes each side)
5. Jury Deliberation and Verdict

Preparation

* Prosecution and defense teams will meet to plan a strategy, divide up responsibilities, prepare questions for each witness
* Witnesses will prepare for parts by taking notes from textbook, primary sources, and other secondary sources and be prepared to answer questions during the trial
* Jury members will take notes and be familiar with all issues and witnesses
* On the day of the trial, all students will be prepared to act out their role

Before the Trial

*Attorney*

* Prepare opening or closing statement for your side
* Assist team with preparation of three questions for each witness you intend to call
* Assist team with preparation of three-cross-examination questions for each opposition witness
* ***To be turned in: a written copy of your opening/closing statement***

*Researcher*

* Assist team with preparation of three questions for each witness you intend to call
* Assist team with preparation of three cross examination questions for each opposition witness
* ***To be turned in: a written copy of questions for witness (on behalf of the attorneys)***

*Witness*

* Research your role and understand how you fit into the larger picture of the trial
* Anticipate two questions each side may ask you.
* ***To be turned in: Role biography, anticipated questions and answers***

*Jury Member*

* Prepare research for your Verdict Paper
* Predict how each witness will be used during the trial
* ***To be turned in: Trial Predictions***

**On the day of the trial**

*Attorney*

* Deliver opening/closing statement
* Call and cross-examine witnesses
* ***To be turned in: Reflection questions***

*Researcher*

* Count available questions for your lawyers
* Track the points of view presented by witnesses
* ***To be turned in: Reflection question, Point of view sheet***

*Witness*

* Track the points of view presented by witnesses
* Answer questions when called to testify
* ***To be turned in: Reflection questions, Point of view sheet***

*Jury Member*

* Track the points of view presented by witnesses
* Deliberate and deliver a verdict
* ***To be turned in: Reflection questions, Point of view sheet***
* ***For day after trial: complete Verdict Paper***

Witness Role Biography

Role: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As a witness, you must research your role and be able to answer any questions that the attorneys ask you. Before the trial, complete your role biography below. This will be turned in on the day of the trial (you will be able to use these notes during the testimony). In addition, anticipate two questions that each side may ask you, and prepare your responses.

**Briefly describe the significance of your role. (In other words, why were you invited to testify?)**

**What was your life like during the rule of Czar Ivan?**

**Where are you from? What social class are you a part of? What things are important to you?**

**How did you interact with the Czar? If you did not directly encounter the Czar, how has he indirectly influenced your life?**

**Did you experience any changes during the rule of Czar Ivan? Were those changes positive or negative, and why?**

**Do you feel that Czar Ivan’s leadership of Russia was unsuccessful? Do you think he created an unstable empire?**

**Prosecution Questions**

Predict two questions the prosecution may ask you and prepare your responses.

**Defense Questions**

Predict two questions the defense may ask you and prepare your responses.

Point of View Sheet

Record the testimony of each witness, highlighting their point of view. This sheet will be submitted at the end of the trial.

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| Witness | Point of View/Testimony Given |
| Czar Ivan |  |
| Member of the Oprichniki |  |
| Metropolitan Filipp Kolychev |  |
| Anastasia Romanorna |  |
| Yelena Sheremeteva |  |
| Ivan Ivanovich |  |
| Russian soldier |  |
| Prince Andrei Kurbsky |  |
| Prince Yuri Glinsky |  |
| Novgorod Archbishop |  |
| Alexis Adashev |  |
| Prince Andrew Shviksy |  |
| Monk Sylvester |  |
| Feodor the Son |  |
| Mongol soldier defeated by Ivan |  |
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| Head of the Bureau of Criminal Affairs |  |

Did any witnesses contradict each other? If so, which ones? How could that happen?

Which witnesses had the most convincing testimony? Why?

Jury Member Instructions

As a jury member, you will need to complete the point of view sheet during the trial, where you will take very detailed notes on each witness’ testimony. You will also complete reflection questions at the very end of class. After the trial is over, you will need to complete the verdict sheet and write up your decision. This, along with your notes, will be due the day after the trial.

**Verdict Sheet**

Answer the following questions after the trial. Answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. Before the beginning of the trial, do you believe that Czar Ivan was an unsuccessful ruler? Defend your answer. You CANNOT put: I was not sure.
2. After listening to both opening statements, which one was more convincing? Why?
3. Which defense witness had the most convincing or compelling testimony? Why?
4. Which defense witness had the least convincing or uninformative testimony? Why?
5. Which prosecution witness had the most convincing or compelling testimony? Why?
6. Which prosecution witness had the least convincing or uninformative testimony? Why?
7. After listening to both closing statements, which one was more convincing? Why?
8. Based on the testimony of both the defense and the prosecution, do you find the Czar Ivan guilty of having led his empire into a time of instability and chaos?