

Objections Workpage for Mock Trial

*Directions: With your team or group, write examples of questions **NOT** to ask of a particular witness. Give the name of the witness and one or two examples:*

1) Questions that are leading:

For example, "How much bread did you usually steal from Jane the Midwife?"

2) Questions that ask for an answer involving hearsay:

For example, "Then what did John Dark tell Jennet?"

3) Questions that ask a non-expert witness to give an opinion:

For example, asking Magister Reese, the renowned scholar, about the skill of Alyce as a midwife and not as a student learning to read.

4) Questions that are irrelevant:

For example, asking Jane the Midwife how old she was when she learned to tie her shoes.

Name(s) _____

Debriefing

Name(s) _____

After the trial, discuss and write answers to the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the verdict? Why or why not?

2. What kinds of things did the witnesses do to make their testimony effective?

3. What kinds of things did the lawyers do to make their questioning effective?

4. What facts or pieces of testimony were most important in the case?

5. What have you learned about trials as a result of this mock trial?
