

AP US Government Supreme Court Simulation

Attorney Rubric

Category	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points
Information	All information presented before the Court was clear, accurate, and thoroughly explained.	Most information presented before the Court was clear, accurate, and thoroughly explained.	Most information presented before the Court was clear and accurate, but was not usually thoroughly explained.	Information had several inaccuracies or was usually not clearly explained.
Rebuttal	All counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate and relevant, but several were weak.	Counter-arguments were not accurate and/or relevant.
Use of Facts, Precedent, & Constitutional Argument	Every major point was well-supported with several relevant cases, precedents, and/or points of law.	Every major point was adequately supported with a relevant case, precedent, and/or point of law.	Every major point was supported with a relevant case, precedent, and/or point of law, but the relevance of some was questionable.	Not every point was supported.
Understanding of Case and Points of Law	The attorney clearly understood the case in-depth and presented his/her information forcefully and convincingly.	The attorney clearly understood the topic in-depth and presented their information with ease.	The attorney seemed to understand the main points of the topic and presented those with ease.	The attorney did not show an adequate understanding of the topic.
Delivery	Relaxed, confident, speaks clearly and utilizes inflections to emphasize key points. Beautiful example of "thinking on your feet." Used court protocol.	Quick recovery from minor mistakes. Satisfactory variation of volume and inflection. Used court protocol for the most part.	Tension noticeable. Uneven volume with little or no inflection. Did not use court protocol on several occasions.	Tension noticeable. Rapid speaking or low volume makes it impossible to hear your points; monotonous tone may put Justices to sleep. Did not attempt to use court protocol.

Total score: ____ / 20 points