**OJ Simpson Case Study and Activity**

**I. Use the websites to answer the questions below. You can also watch the documentary: OJ Simpson: The Untold Story found on Schoology or here on You Tube:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QG5CPhGoT3M**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QG5CPhGoT3M)

Here are the websites to do research:

[So, What Went Wrong? http://www.crimemuseum.org/crime-library/forensic-investigation-of-the-oj-simpson-trial/](So,%20What%20Went%20Wrong?%20%20http://www.crimemuseum.org/crime-library/forensic-investigation-of-the-oj-simpson-trial/)

OJ Simpson case taught police what not to do at the crime scene. <https://www.policeone.com/investigations/articles/7267753-OJ-Simpson-case-taught-police-what-not-to-do-at-a-crime-scene/>

Evaluating the Prosecution’s Case. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/oj/themes/prosecution.html>

Nine insane things that happened during the OJ Simpson trial. <http://hellogiggles.com/insane-oj-simpson-trial/>

ANSWER:

1. Who was OJ Simpson and why was he so popular?

2. Who was Nichole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman?

3. Name 5 members of OJ’s “Dream Team” and state their roles.

4. Who was Mark Fuhrman and what role did he play?

5. When, where, and what time of day did the murders occur?

6. What were some of the piece of evidence that linked OJ Simpson to the crime?

7. What did the defense and media do to the LA police department’s investigation of this case?

8. What mistakes did the police actually make during the CSI? (you can make a list)

9. Explain the correct procedures for how they should have handled these mistakes (for each of the above in #8 answer).

10. What are some of the precautions the police departments take now, so that this great of a mishap doesn’t happen again?

11. What was the reaction to the verdict in the African American community? White community?

12. What is your opinion/rationale for what happened at this crime?

13. Ask a parent or grandparent about the case. Who did you ask and note 3 things they said.

**II. Roles and Assignments for OJ Simpson Trial**

**Instructions:** After watching OJ Simpson: The Untold Story, you have gathered tons of background information about the case. The purpose of this assignment is for you to take on the role of a **prosecuting attorney and a defense attorney**. I have included a brief description of each of those roles below. You will be responsible for researching the three pieces of evidence listed below. You will need to write a statement to the jury about the pieces of evidence, from the correct standpoint (ie. prosecution or defense). Your statement should be very detailed. You should be trying to prove that your piece of evidence **does or does not fit the case (depending in your role**). You will need to do some additional research so your statement sounds convincing. You will be graded on the details you provide, how convincing your statement is, completing the assignment on time, and addressing all valid points about your piece of evidence.

***Role of Prosecuting Attorney:*** The role of a prosecuting attorney is to review all evidence against a party and with the help of police build a case against the person(s). They are in typically in charge of bringing criminal charges against a person and presenting their evidence to a court to assure a conviction. They work directly for the district attorneys office of a jurisdiction. In this case, you are representing the family of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman and the District Attorney’s office.

***Role of Defense Attorney:*** A defense attorney is an attorney who provides legal representation for an individual who is arrested and charged with a violation of a criminal law or when an individual is named in a lawsuit where the party filing the lawsuit seeks monetary damages or equitable relief. In either a criminal case or a civil case, one may require the services of a defense attorney. The role of the defense attorney is to provide zealous representation for his or her client and to defend the client in a lawsuit. In this case you will be representing OJ Simpson.

**If your LAST name starts with A-M you will take on the role of the Prosecuting Attorney and N-Z will be the Defense Attorney!)**

1. Bloody Gloves

2. Wounds found on OJ Simpson, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman

3. Bloodstains on the socks