

Your Name _____ Period ____ Date _____ Term ____

You are a lawyer in a courtroom where the book you have read is on trial. You have to **present the facts** about the book and **develop an argument** to support your evaluation. Complete this outline and use the information to write your formal review, which is your statement to the jury who will decide the fate of the book. Turn in this completed form when the final draft of your review is posted on Goodreads. **Final due date:** _____

Book Review: Putting a Book on Trial

Title of Book: _____ © year _____

Author(s): _____ Number of Pages: _____

Who is the intended audience of this book? _____

What is the main issue or problem the book addresses? _____

Setting: How do time and place contribute to the story? (Could the story take place in a different setting?)

Protagonist(s): _____

Antagonist(s): _____

Plot Summary: Tell the story by filling in the blanks with carefully chosen words and phrases.

_____ wanted _____

_____, but _____

_____, so _____.

List two (2) author-and-me questions you had while reading the book. Answer them completely.

Question #1:

Answer #1:

Question #2:

Answer #2:

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury:

I find the book _____ by _____
(Title of Book) (Author)

to be **good / very good / excellent** at _____;
(circle one) (List the positive qualities of the book. Examples: making me laugh, keeping me in suspense, etc.)

however, there were areas in which the book was **not quite as good / pretty bad / horrible**: _____
(List them.)

Positives: The Good Stuff

Evidence: Quote from book & page # **Warrant:** How does this illustrate a positive quality? **Conclusion** (about the book) this quote supports:

Negatives: The Bad Stuff

Evidence: Quote from book & page # **Warrant:** How does this illustrate a negative quality? **Conclusion** (about the book) this quote supports:

As you can see from the evidence presented above, this book is _____
