**The Trial of Genghis Khan**

**P R E P A R A T I O N**

• Prosecution and defense teams will meet to plan strategy, divide up responsibilities, and prepare questions for each witness

• Witnesses will prepare for parts by researching their role and be prepared to answer questions during the trial

• On the day of the trial, all students will be prepared to act out their role.

**For the Day of 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****: written copy of your opening/closing statement, Questions for witnesses.*

***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*

**On the Day of the Trial**

***Attorney***

• Deliver opening/closing statement

• Call and cross-examine witnesses

***Witness***

• Answer questions when called to testify

**Some Advice:**

**Attorneys**

**1. Remember that you are “team captain.” Work with all witnesses on your team to make sure that communication is clear and that the testimony is coordinated.**

**2. Work with witnesses in preparing questions. Remember that there are limits on how many questions may be asked during direct examination and cross-examination. These limits will be enforced by the judge.**

**3. Opening/closing statements should be clear and concise.**

**4. On the first day of the trial, give the judge copies of your opening statement and your direct examination questions.**

**Witnesses**

**1. Work closely with your attorneys.**

**2. Complete your Role Biography that clearly identifies your character and his/her connection to Genghis Khan. The witness statement should contain the testimony you plan to deliver at the trial.**

**3. When on the witness stand, make sure you are audible--if you tend to be soft-spoken, this is one time you need to speak louder! Maintain eye contact with the attorneys and judge.**

**4. Answer questions accurately and directly.**

**To Attorneys and Witnesses**

**1. Bring all necessary papers with you to the courtroom.**

**2. The judge will carefully monitor the proceedings for historical accuracy. If an attorney or witness makes an honest but important mistake, the judge will correct it swiftly and diplomatically.**