OPENING STATEMENT RUBRIC

REQUIREMENT	EXPECTATIONS			POINTS EARNED
	10	5	0	
ATTENTION-GETTER	Captured the jury's attention with their first words by using a quote from the case, a well-known quote, or something dramatic.	-----	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
THEME & THEORY	Stated, "this is a case about _____ because _____."	-----	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
THE PARTIES	(1) Discussed the parties and who they are. (2) Made their client seem sympathetic by discussing their activities at work, home, and/or play.	Accomplished ½ of the requirements.	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
THE SCENE	(1) Provided a dramatic description to the jury of the scene/situation that brought the case to court. (2) Included the date, time, lighting, weather, etc. (3) There was a chronological progression.	Accomplished part of the requirements.	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
KEY WITNESSES	(1) Focused on why their witnesses are knowledgeable and credible. (2) Anticipated and denied what the other side will say.	Accomplished ½ of the requirements.	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
EVIDENCE	Described evidence and/or any vehicles, equipment, or other items that are important to the case.	-----	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
ISSUE	The plaintiff/prosecution stated the claims/charges and said the defendant is guilty/liable. The defense stated the claims/charges and **aggressively** denied them.	-----	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
STATUTE(S)	(1) Mentioned the statute elements and facts that support those elements and entitle their side to win. (2) Plaintiff/prosecutor delivered this section forcefully. Defense suggested that the other side's version will not be convincing and emphasized their version of what happened.	Accomplished ½ of the requirements.	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
BURDEN OF PROOF	Explained the burden of proof to the jury. Plaintiff attorneys/prosecutors explained they *will* be able to meet their burden. Defense attorneys, explained the other side will *not be able to* meet their burden.	-----	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
CONCLUSION	(1) Told the jury the verdict they want. (2) Told the jury the fact that will support that verdict. (3) Restated the theme.	Only accomplished part of the requirements.	Did not meet any of the requirements.	
TOTAL POINTS EARNED **NOTES:**				