

Jury Instructions – Andrew Jackson Trial

The Jackson Jury Newspaper



You have recently been hired as a team of reporters to create a newspaper that will inform your classmates about the major events going on around the country and world while Andrew Jackson is on trial. The newspaper must contain stories about national news and world news, but it should also have stories about culture, fashion, inventions, etc. The paper will also need to have advertisements, cartoons, obituaries, personal columns and other fun stuff you can come up with. All features will require some typed text! After the trial, we will deliver our news to the class.

You will contribute at least 2 pieces to the newspaper. One piece must be a traditional news article and the other must be a different feature of the newspaper. You are free to explore any topic you like, as long as it relates to daily life in 1839.

Checklist for Article

Article has a title _____/ 5pts

At least two paragraphs of typed and edited text _____/10pts

Article describes a topic or event from 1839 _____/5pts

Includes at least 5 facts about the topic or event _____/10pts

Includes at least one picture with a caption _____/5pts

Other Feature

Has typed and edited text explaining feature _____/5pts

Is related to the context of American society in 1839 _____/5pts

Creativity _____/5pts

During and after the trial

You will receive a Juror's Notepad which you must complete during the trial. It will help you when you meet with the other jurors to decide the fate of the President. After the trial you will write a summary of your verdict, regardless of how the overall jury decides.

Juror's Notepad _____/20pts

Submit one relevant question to the judge during examination of a witness _____/10

Summary of verdict stating **your** opinion _____/10pts

Summary has at least 3 details to support your opinion _____/10pts

