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Due Date: _____

HB: _____

Comprehension: _____ Application: _____ Total: _____

Discovering Early America – The People vs. Columbus et al. Trial

Task: Write a defense statement for your character, including reasons why you are innocent and an accusation for the guilty.

Novice <i>begins to approach expectations</i>	Apprentice <i>approaches expectations</i>	Proficient <i>meets expectations</i>	Distinguished <i>exceeds expectations</i>
		<p><u>COMPREHENSION</u></p> <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you explain who you are, giving information about the background and goals of your character? <p>Arguing Your Innocence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you give strong reasons for your innocence? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you back up these reasons with evidence? <p>Accusing the Guilty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you persuasively explain who you think is guilty? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you give strong reasons for this person/group’s guilt? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you back up these reasons with evidence? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Witness Script: In-depth analysis of goals / interests of another group
		<p><u>APPLICATION</u></p> <p>Knowledge of Perspective Taking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do you speak in the voice of your character or a lawyer? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you skew the facts so that you best argue your perspective? <p>Persuasive Writing and Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is your speech organized clearly, with a strong and persuasive intro, body, and conclusion? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you transition well between ideas, starting with a topic sentence whenever you begin a new thought? <input type="checkbox"/> Do you use persuasive language throughout? <p>Format and Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Did you edit for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation? <input type="checkbox"/> Did you write in complete sentences (no run-ons or fragments)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Witness Script: includes a detailed questioning of another group

I have seen this rubric to become familiar with the assignment expectations.

Parent / guardian signature _____ Date _____

I have seen this rubric after being assessed and discussed the results with my child.

Parent / guardian signature _____ Date _____