



COLONIAL COURTROOM CHAOS!

Guilty Until Proven Loyal? Mock Trial - Modern Parallels (Reflection Worksheet)

This worksheet helps you reflect on the colonial mock trials and compare them to modern parallels. After each case, record your verdict for the colonial trial, then consider how you might decide the modern example. Finally, answer the reflection questions at the end.

Case #1: Tea Smuggling

Colonial Context	
Modern Parallel	
Economic Impact Today	

Case #2: Seditious Speech

Colonial Context	
Modern Parallel	
Economic Impact Today	

Case #3: Illegal Assembly

Colonial Context	
Modern Parallel	
Economic Impact Today	

Case #4: Unlawful Search

Colonial Context	
Modern Parallel	
Economic Impact Today	

Final Reflection Questions

1. How did the jury protect ordinary people from unfair power in these trials?
2. Did you ever change your verdict when comparing the colonial case to the modern parallel? Why?



3. Which case do you think still feels the most relevant today? Explain.

4. Do you think economics (money, property, livelihood) should play a role in legal decisions? Why or why not?