



## The Case of Rikki-Tikki-Tavi vs The Snakes of Segowlee Cantonment

Complete the following checklist before deciding your final draft is complete.

*Prompt: To prepare for the mock trial, write a lengthy essay that proves your client's innocence and your opponent's guilt. Use multiple quotes from the short story as examples, as well as your own piece of evidence made at home.*

**Paragraph 1 Intro/Hook-** Make certain at least one of these three options are checked off

\_\_\_\_\_ I began by asking the reader to imagine a situation that would make them side with me

\_\_\_\_\_ I began with a surprising fact about snakes or mongooses that would make them side with me

\_\_\_\_\_ I began by asking the reader a rhetorical question that would make them side with me

➔ \_\_\_\_\_ I added a sentence or two that summarizes the events in the story in case the jury is unfamiliar with it ←

\_\_\_\_\_ I finished my first paragraph by clearly stating how the jury should vote when it comes time to reach a verdict

**Body Paragraph 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ I began with a sentence that states at least two reasons why my client should be considered innocent

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained Reason #1 and then used at least one quote from the story to prove my reason

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained Reason #2 and then used at least one quote from the story to prove my reason

\_\_\_\_\_ I included a counter-argument that states why my opponent thinks my client is guilty AND I proved them wrong

**Body Paragraph 2**

\_\_\_\_\_ I began with a sentence that states at least two reasons why my opponent should be considered guilty

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained Reason #1 and then used at least one quote from the story to prove my reason

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained Reason #2 and then used at least one quote from the story to prove my reason

\_\_\_\_\_ I included a counter-argument that states why my opponent thinks their client is innocent AND I proved them wrong

**Special Evidence Paragraph** (*your special "project"*)

\_\_\_\_\_ I started this paragraph by stating that there is one final, CRUCIAL piece of evidence the jury has yet to see

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained, in great detail, what the piece of evidence is. (*This portion should be at least 3 sentences long*)

\_\_\_\_\_ I explained what this evidence proves to the jury, and why it should help them make their final decision

**Closing Statement**

\_\_\_\_\_ I started this paragraph by reminding the jury what they are deciding and what will happen as a result

\_\_\_\_\_ I recapped/restated the reasons why my client is innocent and my opponent is guilty (*no quotes!*)

\_\_\_\_\_ I finished the essay by telling the jury why it is important that they agree with me, and what could happen if they make the wrong decision.

**FINAL CHECKS**

\_\_\_\_\_ I had someone else read my essay to look for mistakes and to make certain it makes sense when read aloud.

\_\_\_\_\_ I stayed professional for the entire essay and did not use immature words, silly punctuation, or loopy fonts

\_\_\_\_\_ I pretended this case was real for the entire essay (do not mention the project, essay, short story, etc)

