

PLAINTIFF Instruction Form

The PLAINTIFF team will have a two (2) students who will each act as an attorney. The team may use other students as witnesses, to prepare the written speech for each attorney, to research information to provide for the speeches, and/or to supply a visual, such as an enlarged photograph, map, or any other helpful visual information to aid in the convincing of the PLAINTIFF's case.

The PLAINTIFF will provide all speeches together with all documents in a formal written essay. Include a "table of contents" labeling all individual parts of the PLAINTIFF's documents, visuals, etc. On a separate sheet of paper, type the names of each PLAINTIFF member and include it at the end of the essay for a collaborative grade for the team.

(opening statement)

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY #1: If it pleases this honorable court and jury. [Provide a summary (timeline) of the case, highlighting points in favor of your case] Today, we will prove that [State your thesis. An example might be that "Bartleby was a young man who needed help. He looked to the Defendant for that help and was denied. We will provide evidence that the DEFENDANT was guilty of *contributory negligence* that resulted in the death of Bartleby."]

(evidence and argument)

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY #1: Good afternoon Your Honor, Members of the Jury. [Provide evidence and argument for one point] An example might be "Your Honor and members of the jury, I'd like to turn your attention to a time when...(fill in something from the story where the narrator, Bartleby's employer, showed that he contributed to the negligence of Bartleby that ultimately resulted in Bartleby's death)...it was then that we see his actions were negligent in nature and should be held responsible.

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY #2: Good afternoon Your Honor, Members of the Jury. [Provide evidence and argument for one point]

The PLAINTIFF ATTORNEYS may continue to call as many witnesses to the stand one by one as needed to convince the jury and judge. Witnesses are not limited to the characters in the story.

(closing statement)

PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY #2: If it please this honorable court and jury. Today the Plaintiff has provided this court with evidence that the DEFENDANT acted in *contributory negligence* and failed to provide safety that resulted in the death of Bartleby. [Provide a summary of each piece of evidence and argument]. Therefore, Your Honors and members of the jury, the PLAINTIFF requests that you find in our favor of the Plaintiff and hold the DEFENDANT responsible for this needless death of Bartleby. Thank you.