Mock Trial Witness Preparation – Direct Examination

Attorney ______ Witness _____ Role _____

1. What is your team's theory of the case?

- 2. Why is this witness testifying? What elements of the charge does this witness help prove (PROS) or reasonable doubts raised (DEF)?
- 3. What weaknesses or inconsistencies are there that should be dealt with?

Divide your papers with questions on the left and corresponding answers on the right

Foundational Questions		
Where do you live, what do you do, go to school? Background material		
Questions	Answers	
<i>Establishing questions</i> What is this witness's relation to the case? How can this witness know certain things? Do you know X? Etc.		
Questions	Answers	

Story questions

What aspects of the story can this witness describe? This is the heart of the testimony. Get to the facts, elements, or doubts.

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Questions	Answers
Last thing	
What is the last thing you want the jury to hear from this witness?	
Questions	Answers