

GRASPS for Unit Plan

Goal	To convince the jury that the Jackson family were free African Americans and were kidnapped by Cut Eye Higgins.
Role	Research assistants for the Prosecuting Attorney.
Audience	Jurors and public at the trial in San Francisco in 1850.
Situation	People in California do not understand the new government structure, they have only witnessed and lived under “vigilante” justice. They have joined the union as a “free state” and must also follow the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.
Problem	A Slave-Catcher, or Bloodhound has kidnapped An African American family. It must be proven in court that the family has legally been granted their freedom, and that the Slave-Catcher is guilty of kidnapping.
Standards for Success	The jury is convinced that the family has been kidnapped, by arguments that support the rule of law. In addition, the jury is convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty of kidnapping due to the strong arguments that relate to evidence and the rule of law.