

Closing Statement Template

This is just a general structure. The best closing statements will be uniquely worded, and surprising. Remember to address the jury directly ("you"), to keep the first person plural (we), and to refer to your opponents. Also, remember you are at the end of the case, and should be talking in the past tense.

Greeting:

Hello we all know why we are here today. We are here to prove to the jury that this man name Odysseus is a killer. First off I'm going introduce you to elite team of prosecutors. In our group we have Tory Agee, John Jones, Patricia Matheny, John Travis, Cheyenne Schultz, and Nick Wilson. one piece of evidence is when he slashed a man and his animals not for protection but ffor the simple fact of seeing him in pain. We have come to you today with plenty of evidence to prove that this man is guilty. We hope you find our prosecution worth while and take into consideration why we think this man should be put on death row. Now i will pass on to my partner.

Reminder of Point of View:

We have shown you that Odysseus is guilty. We have evidence that he is in fact guilty of his crimes.

Explanation of why the opponent is not Right:

Our opponent would have you believe that Odysseus is a war hero who shouldn't be convicted of murder, but the crimes Odysseus have been accused of were committed after the war was already over. The defense wants you to believe that Odysseus is innocent of killing all of the suitors and taking Polyphemus' eye out of his head. Odysseus is anything but innocent. He took a burning hot spike and drove it into the eye of Polyphemus causing him to go blind. He also took his bow & arrow and shot it through one of the suitors throat. He then went on to murder the rest of the suitors. The defense wants you to believe that Odysseus, who has no regard for life other than his own is innocent of murdering all the suitors and taking the eye of Polyphemus. This man should be sentenced to death for the crimes he has committed.

Reminder of Evidence:

You have seen evidence that...proves that Odysseus guilty of the crime for his countless murders.

The evidence has demonstrated.... Odysseus is guilty of murdering of the cyclopes,

Polyphemus and murdering all of his suitors. It has demonstrated that this man has no care for a human being's life.

The witness has testified that...Odysseus is guilty of his murders of the cyclops and his suitors. So the people of the court and the jury we ask you, do you think Odysseus, a man with no respect for others, is still Innocent or is he guilty for the charges of murder.

Call for Action:

Our biggest piece of evidence is He not only stabbed the cyclops, Polyphemus in the eye on his way home. But when he got home he killed all of his suitors in what we call a bloody massacre. We got today one of the weapons that he killed the suitors with us today. The knife that he killed them with in what was a bloody massacre in with he deserved to severe a death row sentence for his actions.

Thank you.