

## HANDWRITING EXPERT TESTIMONY

You are called to provide expert testimony on the ransom note to a jury of your peers. Your job is to establish your expertise in handwriting analysis and convince the jury you have identified the ransom note writer using evidence from your analysis.

As a group, you should divide up the work and create a brief presentation that includes the following information. Remember that most juries are not experts themselves, so it's important to clearly define any words with which they may be unfamiliar. (*Hint: Think about the vocabulary you had to learn during this lesson.*)

- Introduction:
  - State your purpose.
  - Describe the process you used to analyze the handwriting, but do not share your evidence yet.
  - State whether it was possible to prove who wrote the ransom note.
- Arguments:
  - Which handwriting samples did you rule out visually and why? **For each one you eliminated**, describe what characteristics you used to rule it out and why it did not match the ransom note.
  - Which handwriting samples did you rule out using close examination and why? **For each one you eliminated**, describe the characteristics you used to rule it out and why it did not match the ransom note.
  - Which handwriting sample did you match to the ransom note? Describe the characteristics you used to identify the writer and why the handwriting matched the ransom note.
- Conclusion:
  - Summarize your findings, but don't repeat the specific details of each analysis.
  - Explain why your conclusion is reliable and whether you feel your handwriting analysis evidence is enough to convict the writer.

### Introduction

**Arguments**  
*Eliminated Visually*



*Eliminated or Confirmed with Close Examination*



## Conclusion

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## Jury Voting

Names of Group Members	Are you convinced?	
	Yes	No
Why?		

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