

Lamb to the Slaughter Assignment

TASK:

For this assignment, you will either be prosecuting or defending your client, Mary Maloney. You are to imagine that Mary has been apprehended and put on trial for what she has done. You will need to gather evidence from the story that supports that your client, Mary Maloney, was of a diminished mental capacity at the time of the crime and is no longer in that state, in order to avoid prison time or that she is guilty as charged.

STEPS TO SUCCESS:

1. You must first decide whether will you try to prove the murder of Patrick Maloney was a deliberate, premeditated act or try to prove that Mary Maloney, under terrible pressure, was temporarily insane, and therefore not responsible for her actions. Will you work for the prosecution or the defense?
2. You must prepare an opening statement for the trial. In an opening statement, each side states their case, citing evidence and attempting to sway the jury. In your opening statement, you will be required to state your side, present the evidence, and explain what the evidence proves.

Required Elements

Introduction:

- A lead that grabs the jury's attention
- Give background information
- Tell the judge/jury what you plan to prove

Body:

- Use specific evidence from the story to provide reasons as to why your client (Mary) is not guilty due to insanity or guilty as charged

Conclusion:

- End strong with a message about why the judge/jury should rule in your favour
- Reiterate your final statement about what you are proving