**O.J. Simpson Criminal vs. Civil Trial Webquest**

The O.J. Simpson trial was controversial for many reasons. Below is a series of parts you must complete to create a full picture of all of the legal controversies. You are encouraged to use the suggested websites and links but are not limited to them. For the Civil Trial Part (Part III), you must do your own independent research and properly cite where you got the information from.

Due Date:

**Websites and links:**

* <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O._J._Simpson_murder_case>
* OR click through the slides of the following PowerPoint <http://mrkivney.weebly.com/>

Go to the following website and read through the timeline and evidence not considered in trial.

* <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/simpson/simpsonchron.html>
* <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/Simpson/Evidence.html>

-Read about the evidence found at the crime scene.

* <http://www.usatoday.com/news/index/nns25.htm>

**Part I: Watch the 10 clips (~3 minutes)**

<http://investigation.discovery.com/videos/crimes-of-the-century-oj-simpson-videos/>

1. **List the title and write a few sentences about what happened in each of the four videos.**

**Part II: OJ Simpson Criminal trial: Use the above links to answer all of the following questions:**

1. Who was O.J. Simpson?
2. Identify the murder victims?
3. Describe the major injuries sustained by both victims.
4. Describe the major pieces of evidence found at the crime scene
5. When and where did the murders occur?
6. Who were O.J.’s lawyers?
7. How did the defense persuade the jury into *reasonable doubt*?
8. What was the relationship between O.J. and the 2 victims?
9. What were the prosecutions arguments?
10. What was the “bloody glove?”
11. What DNA evidence was found? How did the case introduce the importance of DNA testing

and handling DNA materials?

1. What was the verdict of the case? Why was this the verdict? Do you agree or disagree with the verdict?

**Part III: Civil Trial – independent research – make sure to properly cite all of the websites and videos you use after each question.**

1. Why were Nicole Brown Simpson’s parents able to file a Civil Suit in the after math of the criminal trial?
2. Why was it not considered a violation of the double jeopardy clause of the 5th Amendment? Do you think it could have been?
3. What were the arguments for both sides in the Civil Trial?
4. How did the evidence and arguments used differ from the Civil and Criminal trials?
5. What was the verdict of the Civil Case? Why was this the verdict? Do you agree or disagree with the verdict?

**Part IV: Reflective Piece: Answer in 2-4 paragraphs**

What are you personal thoughts? Use the evidence above to describe why you feel the way you feel. Should O.J. have been considered not guilty or guilty? Why?