**How Courts Work
Steps in a Trial**

**Final Motions and Closing Arguments**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary

**directed verdict:** ends their case
***summation***: disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing.
***inferences***: convincing evidence and its probable truth or accuracy

1.  If the judge grants a motion for a directed verdict, what happens?

2.  What does a lawyer put into their closing statement?

3.  When does the judge tell the lawyers about what he is going to say to the jury?

4.  The prosecution goes first with a closing argument.  What are they trying to do in this argument?

5.  When the defense gives their final argument, what are they trying to do?

6.  The defense goes last, but under what circumstances can the prosecution have the final say with the jury?

7  If the defense chooses not to make a concluding argument, can the prosecution still make a rebuttal?