**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Instructions to the Jury**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary  
  
***relevant:*** meaningful  
***deliberations****:* decision-making discussions by the jury  
***"charge to the jury"****:* judge telling the jury what their task is  
***"standard of proof":***the level of certainty and the degree of evidence necessary to establishproof in a criminal or civil proceeding   
***"preponderance of the evidence":*** more convincing   
**evidence** and its probable truth or accuracy  
***applicable****:* disapproval or opposition; a reason for disagreeing.  
***sole:***only  
***standardized:***the same   
  
1.  What does the judge do when he "charges the jury?"

2.  What are two things the judge does when he :charges: the jury?



3.  Judges tell  jurors when they make their decision, they should base their decision on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.  What do judges tell jurors abut opening and closing arguments?

5.  Are jurors allowed to interpret existing laws?

6.  Who has the final decision about what instructions jurors are given?