**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?

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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?