**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Mistrials**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary  
  
***terminated:*** ended  
***void****:* not counted  
***render****:* to give (as in a verdict)  
***impropriety:***something that was done that was clearly against the rules   
***prejudicial:*** unfair  
***summation*:** and its probable truth or accuracy  
***misconduct****:* acting poorly  
***deadlocked:***only  
   
  
1.  What is the definition of a mistrial?"

2.  What are five things that can cause a mistrial?



3.  Which side must make a motion for a mistrial?

4.  What happens of the judge grants a motion for a mistrial?

5.  What happens of the judge does not grant a motion for a mistrial?