



STATE DA VINCI DECATHLON 2017

CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC GIFTS OF STUDENTS
IN YEARS 5 & 6



CREATIVE PRODUCERS

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CREATIVE PRODUCERS – POWER

JUDGMENT DAY

BACKGROUND

Judges are some of the most powerful people in the world, with the ability to drastically alter the course of people's lives through their decisions. As such, they have become a powerful symbol of authority and sometimes even of unkindness, in the media. Judges are portrayed in countless cartoons and comic strips in newspapers, and some of the most famous television shows, books and movies have judges as central characters, such as Judge Judy or Judge Taylor from *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



Pictured: the Justices (judges) of the High Court of Australia from 2009-2012

THE CHALLENGE

Legal representatives almost always act in court for some of the most powerful entities in the world – companies, governments and famous individuals. While this is undoubtedly the most effective way of ensuring justice, it isn't quite as entertaining!

With reference to a **current affairs issue**, your task is to act out a court trial in which a judge must seek to keep order in their court, despite the **theatrics** of the two opposing sides. You should **personify** your two sides if they are not individuals (but instead companies, countries, organisations, etc.).

You will have **eight minutes** to prepare.

The requirements are as follows:

- Your presentation must be **sixty seconds** in length
- You must have a judge and one person to represent each side
- The judge must hear each side and reach a **decision**
- You may want to include witnesses or other intervening parties
- **Humour** will be highly regarded!

Please refer to the attached marking grid for further guidelines.

MARKING GRID

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Criteria	Skilful 9-10	Effective 8-7	Sound 6-4	Limited 3-0
Movement, use of space, voice and expression				
Accurate portrayal of issue and topical choice of content				
Humorous and creative plot and structure				
Ability to demonstrate who has power and how different powers interact				
Flair and engagement				
				TOTAL /50