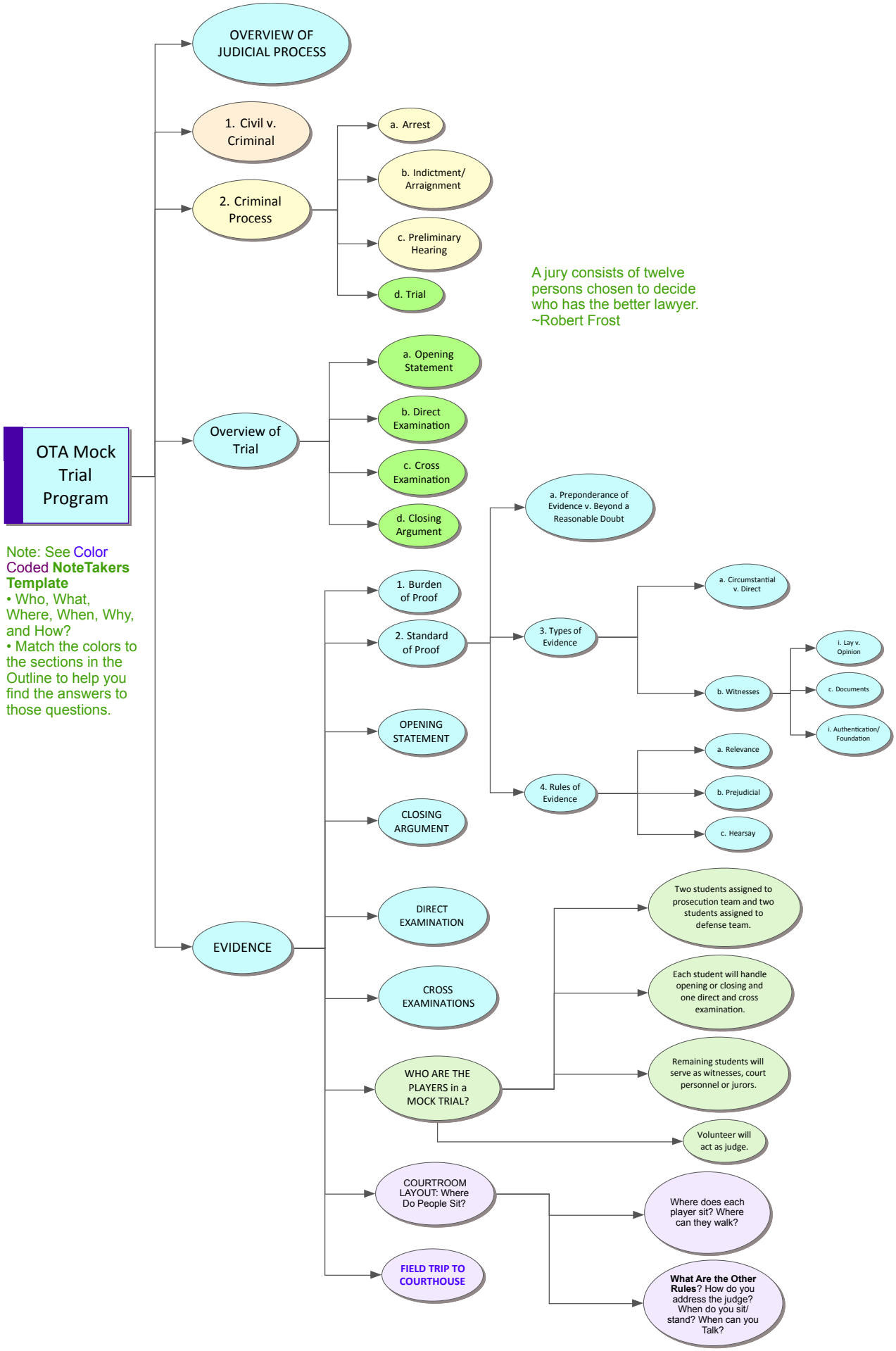

OTA Mock Trial Program
OVERVIEW OF JUDICIAL PROCESS
1. Civil v. Criminal
2. Criminal Process
a. Arrest
b. Indictment/ Arraignment
c. Preliminary Hearing
d. Trial
Overview of Trial
a. Opening Statement
b. Direct Examination
c. Cross Examination
d. Closing Argument
EVIDENCE
1. Burden of Proof
2. Standard of Proof
a. Preponderance of Evidence v. Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
3. Types of Evidence
a. Circumstantial v. Direct
b. Witnesses
i. Lay v. Opinion
c. Documents
i. Authentication/ Foundation
4. Rules of Evidence
a. Relevance
b. Prejudicial
c. Hearsay
OPENING STATEMENT
CLOSING ARGUMENT
DIRECT EXAMINATION
CROSS EXAMINATIONS
WHO ARE THE PLAYERS in a MOCK TRIAL?
Two students assigned to prosecution team and two students assigned to defense team.
Each student will handle opening or closing and one direct and cross examination.
Remaining students will serve as witnesses, court personnel or jurors.
Volunteer will act as judge.
COURTROOM LAYOUT: Where Do People Sit?
Where does each player sit? Where can they walk?
FIELD TRIP TO COURTHOUSE
What Are the Other Rules? How do you address the judge? When do you sit/ stand? When can you Talk?
A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer. ~Robert Frost
Note: See Color Coded NoteTakers Template
• Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How?
• Match the colors to the sections in the Outline to help you find the answers to those questions.