Directions for your group

1. Read the case.
2. Prepare a legal argument
* What main arguments will your team make?
* What main arguments will the opposing team make?
* How will you counter those arguments?
1. Write an opening statement for your case. Include:
* A clear, concise statement of our team’s opinion of this case4.
* The constitutional rights pertaining to the issues of your case
* A brief summary of the key details of the case presented in a way that clearly favors your position. For example:

Petitioner: Charles Schenck acted completely within the scope of his constitutional rights when he protested the draft by mailing leaflets to young men in Philadelphia and he should not have been arrested

Respondent: During wartime, the need to maintain public safety sometimes prevails over individual rights. The Espionage Act was an attempt to make sure that the war effort was not undermined and Charles Schenck clearly violated that act by distributing anti draft leaflets.

* Include what you intend to prove to the court