**Trial Procedure Notes**

1. Jury Selection-“voir dire proceedings”. Each side is allowed to screen and reject jurors they feel will be biased against their side.
2. Swearing in of Jury- Take an oath to only get info on case from the courtroom.
3. Arraignment- Read the indictment (charges) and ask for a plea.
4. Plea by Defendant
5. Not Guilty
6. Guilty
7. Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity
8. No Lo Contendere- no contest, no defense. No admission of guilt, but still punished.
9. Opening Statements
10. Prosecution- Outlines case. District Attorney (DA) if felony, County Attorney if misdemeanor.
11. Defense- Provides a theme to defense.
12. Direct & Cross Examination of Prosecution Witnesses. State goes first. “Innocent until proven guilty”.
13. Direct & Cross Examination of Defense Witnesses. Defense does not have to call witnesses. Defendant does not have to testify (5th Amendment)
14. Rebuttal witness for prosecution. Reply to defense witnesses.
15. Closing Arguments- Sum up the case. Prosecution, then defense, then prosecution again.
16. Charge to the Jury- Judge’s instructions. Guilt must be beyond a reasonable doubt.
17. Deliberations by the Jury- In secret
18. Verdict- Must be unanimous.
19. Sentencing- More testimony about defendant’s character. Might hear from the victim’s family, etc.