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Legal Literacy Activity Form

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Legal Literacy Activity Title: Understanding Criminal Trials in Canada

Date Developed: November 14, 2019

Learner Name:

Date Started:

Date Completed:

Legal Literacy Activity Description: The learner will watch 2 videos from the Justice Education Society (JES) of British Columbia which explain criminal trials in Provincial and Superior Court. Criminal courts operate similarly throughout the country. The learner will attend one or more Provincial and/or Superior Criminal Court trials at their local courthouse and keep a journal of their observations. Finally, they will review and discuss their journal notes with their tutor.

Materials Required:

Pen and paper

Access to a computer and the internet

Instructor preparation: Read over the learner instructions with the learner and check for understanding.

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Legal Literacy Activities:

Task # 1: Using an internet search engine (for example, Google), please type and click "YouTube" into the search box. At the top of that page, in the search box, type and click "Justice Education Society of British Columbia". On that page, locate and watch the "Courts of BC - Provincial Court" video.

Task# 2: Using an internet search engine (for example, Google), please type and click "YouTube" into the search box. At the top of that page, in the search box, type and click "Justice Education Society of British Columbia". On that page, locate and watch the "Criminal Cases - Supreme Court of BC" video.

Task # 3: Please locate the address of your local Provincial and Superior Courts in the telephone book or online. Attend at least one criminal trial in Provincial or Superior Court. Please keep a journal of what you observe during the hearing.

Task # 4: Please review and discuss your journal notes with your tutor.

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Answers for Legal Literacy Activities:

The learner will undertake the following activities. Answers to the questions are provided where applicable.

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The location of the courts will vary depending on where the learner lives in Canada.

Task # 4: Please review and discuss your journal notes with your tutor.

The observations will vary depending on the types of criminal matters before the Court, the number of witnesses and if it is or is not a jury trial.

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These Legal Literacy Activities: were successfully completed____ need to be tried again____

Learner Comments

Instructor (print and signature)

Learner Signature