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Included in your Trailer:

1. Title: Person researched, Directors (Your name(s))
2. The story (timeline) of the case researched- this can be in the form of "re-enactments of evidence collection or background story" (must be school appropriate, no violence or crime) interviews with witnesses, investigators or reporters.
3. The Evidence- DNA and other evidence collected
4. Background of the Suspect--including how he got involved in this case (opportunity)
5. Background of the Victim
6. Any other possible suspects or alternate scenarios
7. End result of this court case and why.
8. Basics of DNA, what would your audience need to know while watching.

Individual report:

1. A discussion of the role that DNA profiling (typing) played in this case. Basics of DNA--what you feel a juror would have to know. What would the juror have to know about DNA to be convinced that it is able to discriminate one person from another? What analogies/example would assist the jurors?
2. Conclusions--Those YOU can draw about:
 - the case
 - the type of person associated with this type of conviction/exoneration
 - eyewitness reports
 - WHO DID IT?
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