

Unit 4 Truth and Justice

Lesson III The Junta on Trial

Essential Questions

- *What are the challenges of bringing human rights abusers to justice?*
- *How does role-play allow the actor to see an issue from a different perspective?*
- *How does role-play help the actor develop feelings of empathy?*

The class will put important political figures from *El Proceso* on trial for crimes against humanity. Once assigned a part, you will use primary source documents, testimonials and newspapers to research for your role. You will have class time to coordinate with other members of the trial.

Children of the disappeared
Government officials
Prison guards
Exiled and censored citizens
Former victims
Human rights representatives
Historians
Judge

Jury
Lawyers
Military of various ranks
Psychiatrist
Rabbis, bishop, priests
Reporters/Journalists
Witnesses

Record your primary and secondary sources of information and your ideas for your part in the space below.

Reflect on the experience of role-playing a trial of human rights abusers.