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This survey was undertaken in the final weeks of term 4. The students came from mainstream classes—two of which are year 6/7 and one of which was a year 5/6. The classes were situated alongside each other.

The school is in the Northern Area of suburban Adelaide, South Australia and is a category 2 school with a high proportion of EALD students and transience.

We were involved in planning the unit and putting together resources for the Weebly <http://adelaidelawcourts.weebly.com/> but we had the freedom to present it to our students in our own way.

Before completing the survey students had completed the mock trial to an audience of students and parents. Students were from years 3 to 7. Each class performed their mock trial 3 times during week 7 and 8 of term 4 of 2014.

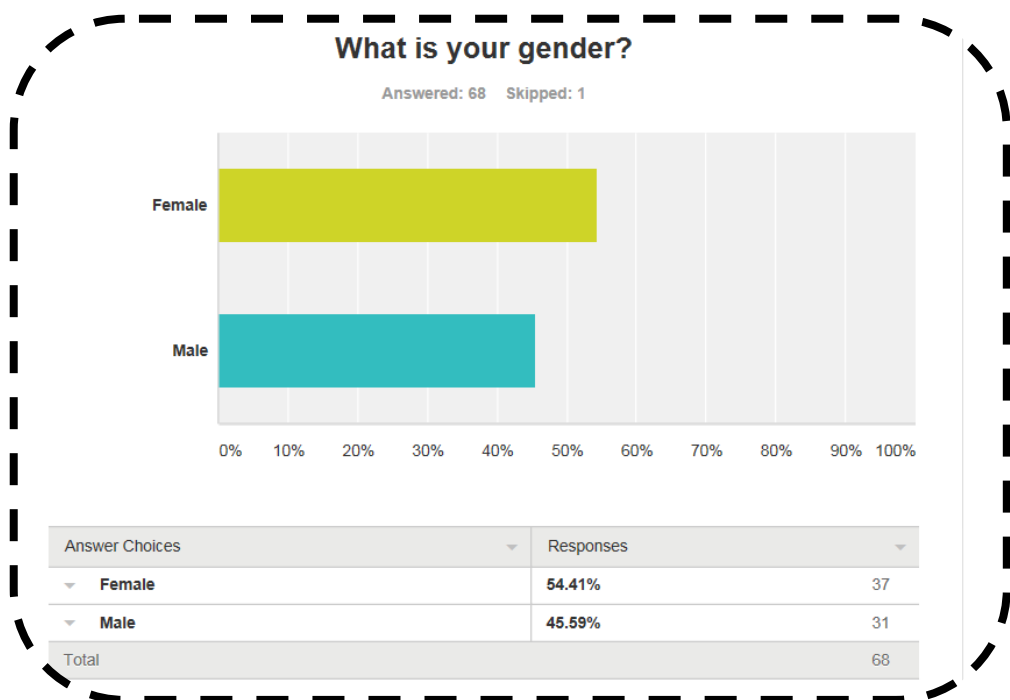
Students were given the survey in paper form then were asked to use those answers to answer the online questionnaire.

Sixty nine students from three classes answered the survey.

Approximately 87 students were involved in the program.

Results were taken from the on-line web version at <https://www.surveymonkey.com>

Question one

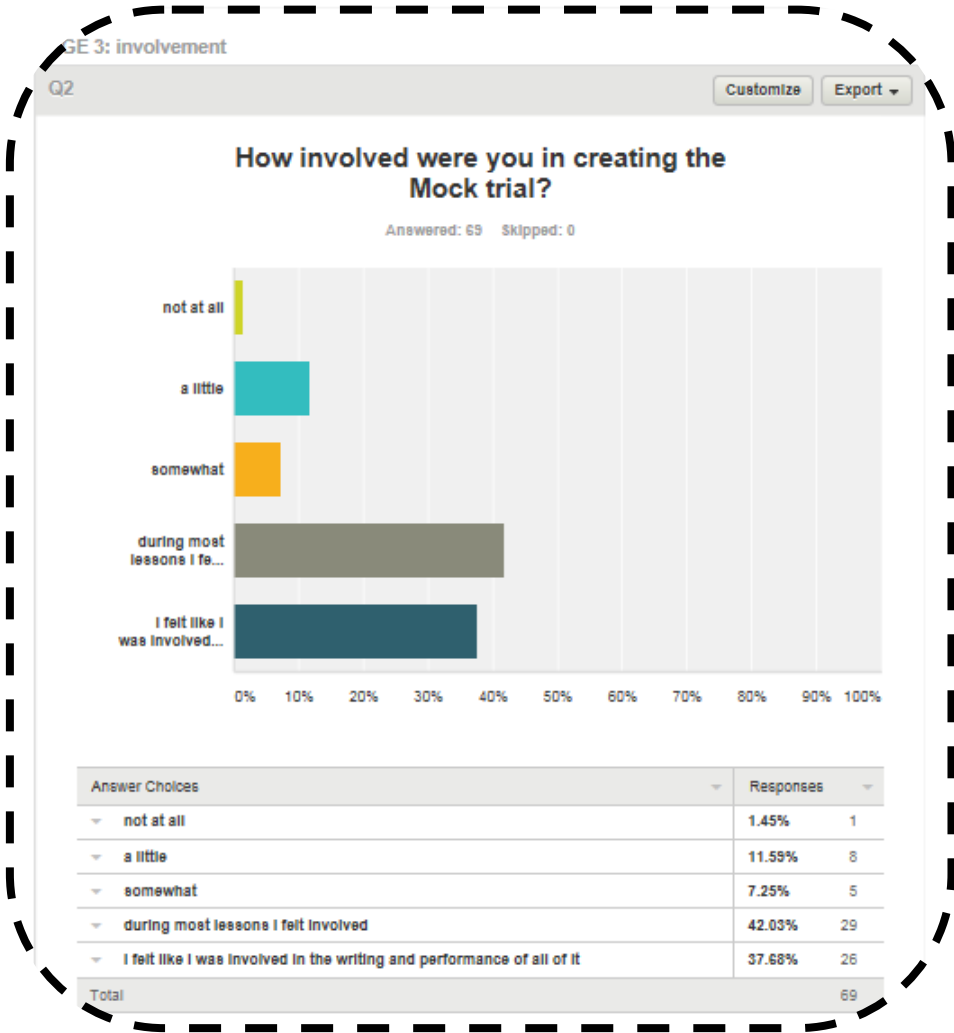




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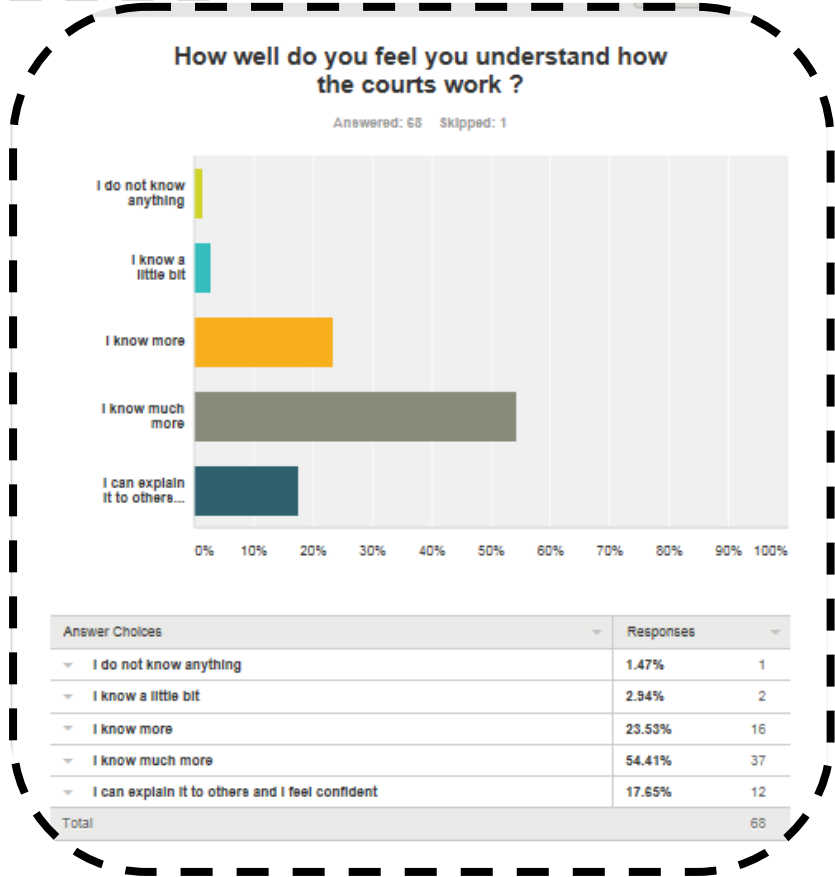
Question two

77.61% of students felt involved in lessons most of the time or involved in the writing and performance of all of it.



Question three

72.06 % know much more or know enough to be able to explain it to others.



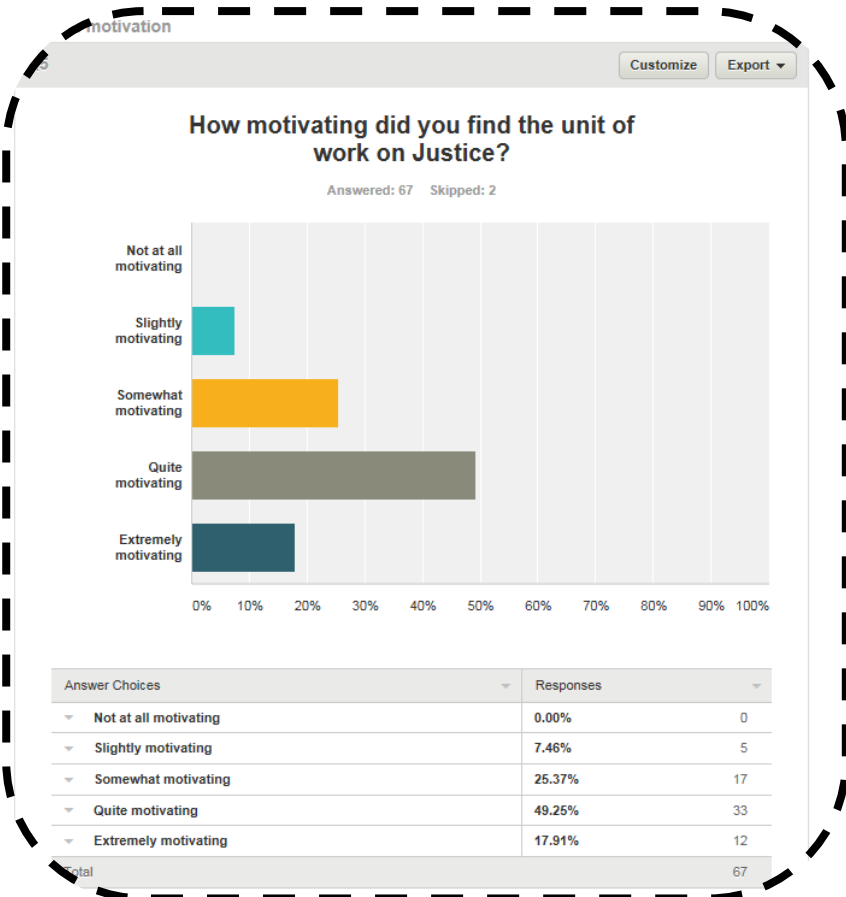
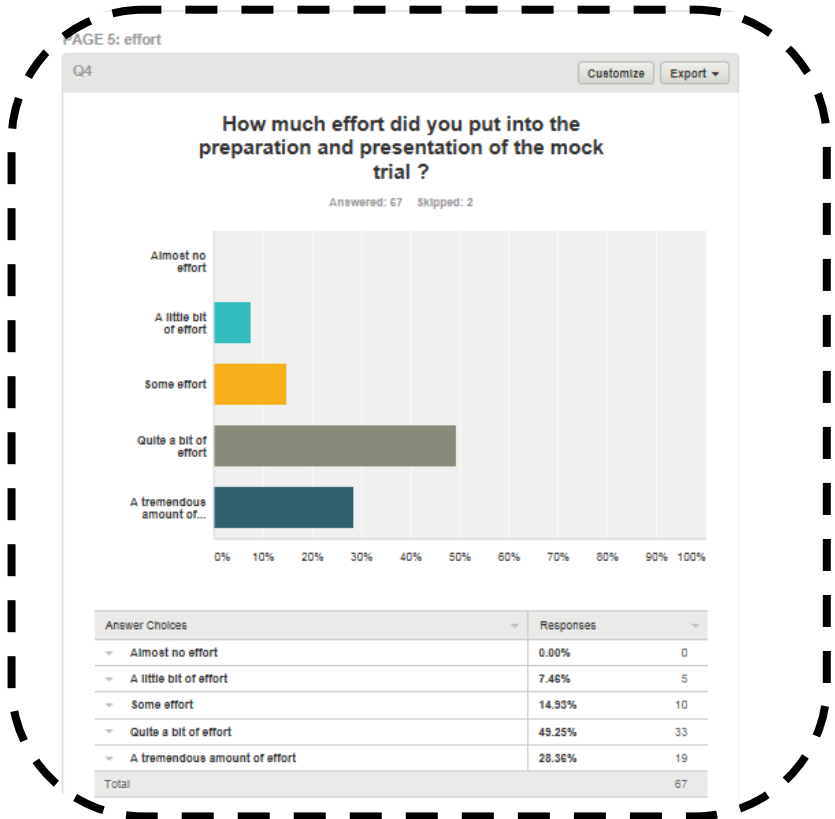


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Question four

77.61% of students put in quite a bit of effort or a tremendous amount of effort.

0% of students made no effort at all.



Question five

67.16 % of students found it quite motivating or extremely motivating.

0% students found it not at all motivating.



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What did you find surprising or interesting about this topic ?

Question seven

what I found surprising was the work we were doing
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that not many people are under stress or anything and that its not that hard but it is tricky and can still be a little bit hard
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about actually seeing a trial and finding out all the offences that the other courts use
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The growth I feel I have made was surprising. I got to see it in action
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harrd
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that we were able to go to the magistrates court and meet peter
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every single piece of info was interesting to me because before we started we started this unit of work I didn't understand a thing miss c was saying about justice.
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Listening to what the judge, prosecution and defence lawyers have to say to the criminal and witnesses to decide whether if the criminal is guilty or not.
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The things that I found surprising was that you can't yell in court or that cases can be really short or really long.
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that the trial was kind of what a real court would do and the words was more like people would say.
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The thing I found interesting was the people say things like they where talking to the queen
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that there were 3 different court rooms I thought there was only one for everyone
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that I can answer personally instead of typing it
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I found it interesting when I found out all of information about the differnts court
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I found interesting is that the roll that was given to me it was useful at most of the time.
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before I didn't really know what justice really meant now I know what justice is and I liked doing that and the mock trail was really fun.
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how the courts work and how many small cases that people have done like drink driving and so on. how much cases the judge has to make a date on when to comeback or make a decision for guilty or not guilty
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That there are lots of different courts and different reasons why you can be trialled in each one.
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Question six

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What would have made the exploration of this topic easier for you to understand ?

Room 28 comments

Slow down and explain things better (x5)

Nothing (x5)

Make the language more understandable (x8)

Some research

Revise the work

Room 29 comments

Too much writing

Do not change anything (x7)

The language was too hard (x4)

A visit to the District Court would have been good.

Rm 30 comments

It would have been better if we did a project so that there is other information that could help us understand and maybe see a video to get a better idea of the topic. (x4)

Don't change a thing.(x3)

If we had more lessons. More time (x5)

Maybe if we didn't have to do so much writing and do focus more on the trial.

Relief teachers through it made it hard.(x2)

I found everything very easy to understand. Despite the fact that I didn't get the chance to go to court, I don't think there's anything you could have done to make it easier to understand. I think the idea of taking the students to court was very exciting and a very good idea for the students to have a better understanding of the topic.

What made it easier for me was actually doing your very own mock trial and getting your own character, writing a scrip and the crime making things up for evidence. If would have been better if we did the mock trial in a real court, because it would really help understand where people sit.



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I barely knew anything about the courts before this year so everything was very new to me

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being able to go to the law courts and find out how the system works

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I found it interesting when we found out about what the people wear in the courts.

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nothing really

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that the amount of work this being a magistrate is

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nothing

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definitely the costumes, they looked the best and were most interesting, although after wearing them for awhile you did get quite sweaty

everything

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What I found interesting was making the mock trial but I had to know the information to know how to do that

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I found it interesting and fun to act out what a courtroom like.

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i found the words that you use in the court intresting

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I think learning about the roles in a law court and how it is set out was very interesting

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it was good because how the people were doing what they were met to.

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I felt very happy about the topic

I don't have that good of memory but I found that there are different courts for different crimes interesting. I thought many things about this topic interesting.

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that there was a lot more courts and what the judges were

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that we got to go to the magistrates court room

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The knowledge we got to learn

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How many things we do different in Australian courts compared to the courts in America

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how many people are involved



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I found out that not everything you see on the tv in a court is different from the what you see in real life. I also found surprising that court cases don't go for that long.

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Everything was interesting, really. I have to admit that before we started our learning of justice, I barely knew anything about it. But after doing all this learning, especially the mock trial, I have largely developed my understanding of the topic. The mock trial has helped me the most as I now know where everyone stands/sits and what kind of role they have in court.

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it was about justice and for how to under stand the corrts and how they work

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The thing that surprised me was, the lawyers have to say 'Your Honor' all the time.

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it would have been better if we did the research rather then the teacher giving us the information.

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I found it interesting how they set up the court

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the different courts

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That every stage of the court depends on the amount of the crime.

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That people fight for it . On TV you see people holding signs and walking down the streets because of something that they don't agree with or don't like. For example a new law has been confirmed, and people might not agree.

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How there is a lower and a higher court. It is also a lot different to on the TV.

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I found it interesting how the movie about courts, and the real court aren't similar to each other.

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I found that going into an actual court and seeing that it wasn't exactly like how it looks on T.V. was surprising. Also I didn't expect for the court cases to go quickly

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i found it surprising that there are more then one court

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what I found interesting was where the people sit and basically how and where the crime occurred. also finding evidence for the crime and how the court works.

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How the courts are set up they are a lot different on television and how they are called the defendant and victim but on television it is the plaintiff.

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I found the excursion really interesting

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I found interesting that many things about the law and courts have been made up by the movies industry; for example the judges hammer, that have never actually been a real thing it has always been made up.

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How justice and order are brought into court

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I found that going to the Magistrates court was really interesting because of how they set the court up and how it runs is amazing.

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The clothes that they wore.

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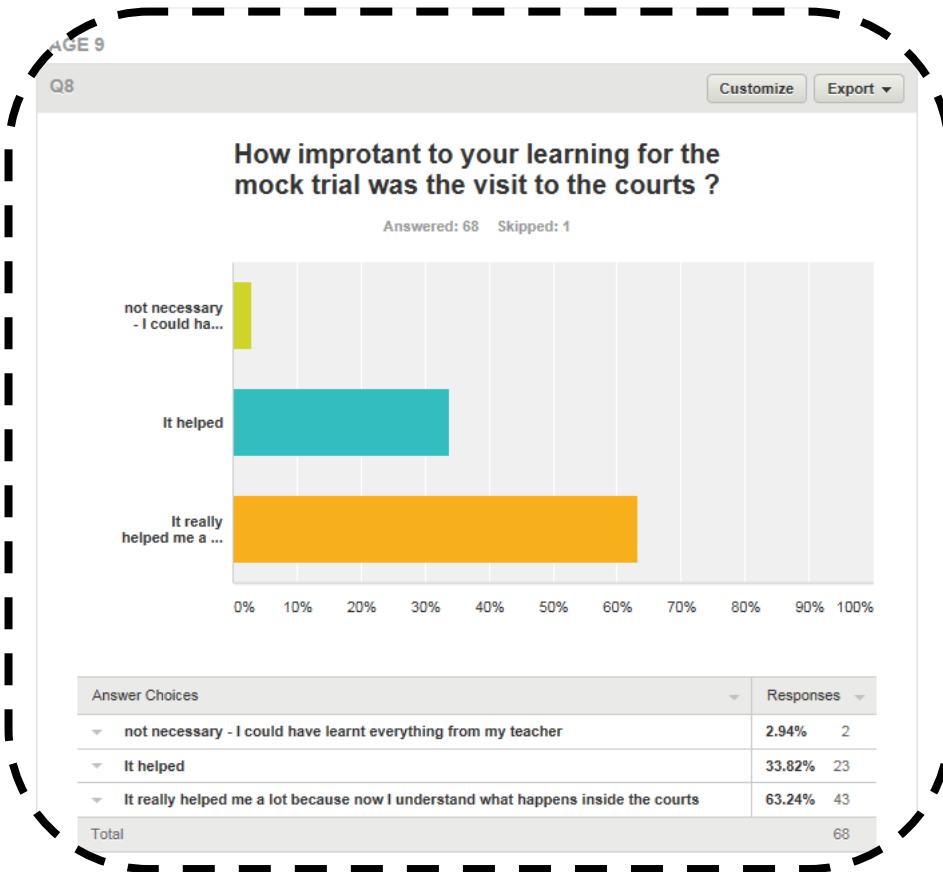
I found the amount is put into a court case is surprising.

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most of the facts were quiet intresting

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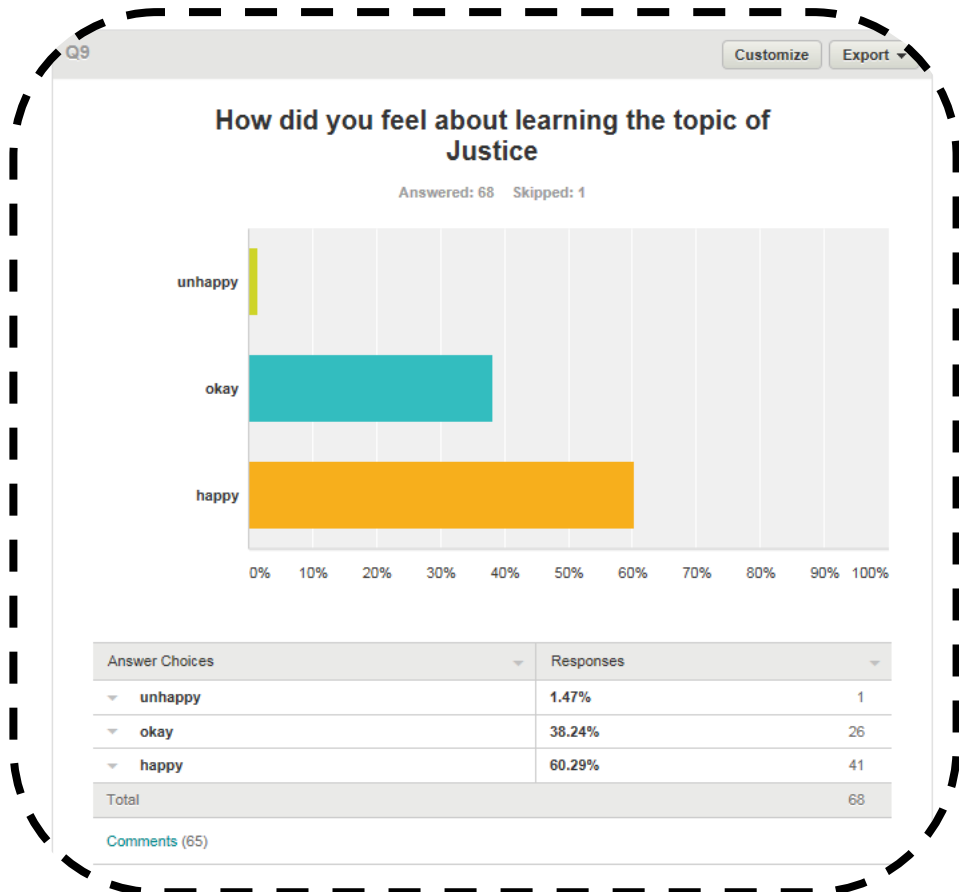


Question eight

Nearly all students agreed that the excursion to the courts was important.

Question nine

Nearly all students felt okay or happy about the topic.





Question nine

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How did you feel about learning the topic of Justice ?

I found it unhappy since people were treated very badly back then. I find it especially bad since people lived differently if they had a specific culture or religion.

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because before we started learning about it i had no idea what justice was and now i know more about justice and how the courts work

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I really enjoyed it. it made it more interesting and I was more interested in courts and law than I used to be.

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I felt happy because I am learning something that I haven't learned before so it was really fun

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I have actually never thought about it, but I thought it was okay.

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It was really fun and interesting to go in a real court and watch a real case

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It was okay learning about justice because we learnt a lot of new things, that we might need in the future if we get involve in a trial.

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I've always wondered how the law works and now I know! In the beginning, I was quite nervous about learning about justice because I knew I didn't know much. But now I feel very confident as I know so much about it and I'm very happy about that.

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because I did not have a clew of what the courts did

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so i know what to do just in case

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I feel happy because maybe in the future, I might have to go to a court and by then, I will know how the courts work.

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I felt happy because it is a wide subject and there are many things we can learn we only learnt a little bit of it.

Because it was interesting finding out how unjust a lot of things can be.

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I've never done anything like this before so it was fun fore me.

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because I wanted to know how they fit all of the cases and how the court works.

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I like to learn about topics I know nothing about so I was happy with all of the lessons

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okay because sometimes it was a bit boring but then other times it was really fun, like the mock trial for example.

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because now I know how people get justice

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I didn't know ALOT about this stuff that can change my future.