Instructions for Mock Trial Opening Statement

I am pretending to be the prosecutor for this case. I am prosecuting Devon Kelmar for murder. I have attached the case that will help you understand the facts of the case.

The opening statement needs to be between 5-7 minutes long. The teacher wants us to think of a theme that the jury can find interesting when it thinks of our case. Our teacher explains that the opening statement for those acting as prosecutors should be sort of like a story that paints the defendant in a negative way that the jury will find him more likely guilty of murder. The defense will try to say that it was done in self-defense but as the prosecutor I am tasked with making an opening statement that is interesting and compelling.

We are not allowed in our opening statement to try to attack the defendant’s case but simply lay out our case, the roadmap of what will happen during the trial.

1. The audience is my teacher and the rest of our class about 20 people total.
2. Statement will be delivered to other students.
3. Event is held in a mock trial court room
4. Statement should be persuasive but story telling.
5. Deadline is one week on October 1.