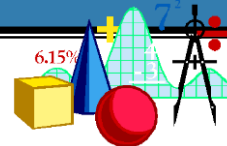


Mathematics, Grade 8

Unit I: Lesson 2

Drama: **Zero, Worthless as Charged?**



Zero has not always been used in the number system. Research the history of zero and how it behaves in mathematics—in place values, operations and exponents.

Create a script for a trial in which zero is accused of being worthless or at least so unreliable and confusing as to be a detriment to the world of mathematics. Include a great deal of supporting evidence for either a verdict of guilty or innocent.

With your classmates, perform the drama. Have the class act as the jury and give the verdict.