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## Reflection Paper

### **Trail and Execution of Rizal**

The Trial of Rizal is the most famous in history in the Philippines, not because he is our National Hero, but also what is the reason he died. He didn't die because he is protecting himself or his family, he died because he protect all the Filipinos. This Trial of Rizal is really a mistrial. It was a big joke from the very start and it was completely trash if I would describe it that I want to puke, because as I said he died because he protects us. The cruelty enrages me so much that I can compare those Spanish authorities at that time to wild animals possessed by evil. They were way too much and hate is not enough to describe it in words how I feel about them. Those Spaniards really get to my nerves, because if they didn't killed Rizal I think he will going to free our country with their hands, he will still write many poems that in this day it will inspires us, but Rizal died because of nothing.

When Rizal was deported to Dapitan in July 1892, despite his denial and insistent demand for investigation in accordance with the due process of law, he was immediately placed under arrest and escorted to Fort Santiago without the benefit of a trial and the decree and charges were kept secret from him.

When Rizal is going to Barcelona he was placed in Castle dungeon on arrival in Barcelona and the same day re-embarked for Manila. Arrived in Singapore, some of his friends tries rescue him for a Habeas Corpus but they didn't success in helping Rizal. It clearly seen that the Spaniards really want to execute Rizal because they didn't follow the true process of the law and also the writ of habeas corpus was denied when he was illegally detained in a ship from Singapore.

He was immediately placed in Fort Santiago upon his arrival in Manila and then he was charged with Treason, sedition and forming illegal societies, the prosecution said that through his writings and novels he attacked the Spaniards in that case they decided that he should be put to military court. Rizal was a civilian but was tried by a military court where civilian and church interference was not allowed. It was clear that they really just want Rizal to put him in the death, they really keep it private, so that some people will not argue of the trial of Rizal, because they know that some people will fight for Rizal.

In continuing the trial his case was judged, they considered him guilty before the actual trial. The military court was not really want to find the truth or to give justice but their main goal is to accuse and send him to death. All of the evidence and all arguments and proofs in favor of Rizal is completely turned blind and deaf to appeals and pleas because right from the start, they have a clear motive, they wanted him to die and instead they accepted all charges and testimonies against him and Rizal was not even given the right to face witnesses against him in open court which any accused is entitled to have in a real court of justice and the only right given to Rizal was to choose his defense but they are the one who give the list who he will choose.

The military court turned deaf on Rizal's defense where he had proven his innocence of by twelve points which he wrote in his prison cell and after a short deliberation, Rizal was given the death verdict. Rizal was executed and became a noble victim of Spanish miscarriage of justice.

Rizal is one of the many Filipinos that shows mistrial is really popular in that days, because the Spaniards colonized us, they are the one who have the right if you argue about they

want you will be death. Like what happened to Rizal he just stated the facts of what is happening in our country through his writings.

In my reflection since the GOMBURZA and Rizal died because of injustice, I could say that issue is still in our system and it is impossible to remove because if you ask me I think it become installed to our culture already. It is true that “history repeats itself” even though we are not free from the Colonization, it still feels like we are Colonize, we are colonized with our failed system.

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