

A witness may be discredited or “impeached” by contradictory evidence, by a showing that the witness testified falsely concerning a material matter, or by evidence that at some other time the witness has said or done something, or has failed to say or do something, which is inconsistent with the witness’ present testimony.

If you believe that any witness has so been impeached, then it is your exclusive province to give the testimony of that witness such credibility or weight, if any, as you may think it deserves.

If a defendant testifies, the defendant’s testimony should be weighed and considered, and the defendant’s credibility determined, in the same way as that of any other witness.