



Introduction to Post-16 Studies - Criminology

Studying Criminology at Bewdley Sixth Form is a joyful challenge. During the 2-year course you will study topics such as media representation of crime, theories of criminality, how we process crime scenes and how we punish and rehabilitate offenders. You will develop key skills such as analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

On page 1 you will see optional tasks that you can complete over the summer holiday. These will open your eyes to some key areas in sociology.

On page 2 you will see the summer homework. Anyone wishing to study sociology MUST complete these tasks. You should find the tasks enjoyable and thought provoking.



Watch this documentary

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000sct3/forensics-the-real-csi-series-2-2-stabbed-in-the-park>

Make notes as you watch this.



Listen to this radio programme

Serial, Accused, Case File, Guilty, Truth and Justice, The Guardian: Today in Focus, Redhanded, Dr Death. Makes notes about what you have listened to!



Complete this online course

Use this link- <https://www.ted.com/search?q=crime> listen to a talk of your choice and then summarise the main points into your own words.



Investigation

Research into the Stephen Lawrence murder and explain what lessons have been learnt from this tragic case.



Read this article

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/apr/22/the-guardian-view-on-poverty-and-speaking-truth-to-priti-patel>

What is the main reason that people turn to crime according to Andy Cooke? Do you agree or disagree?



How to?

Explain why Wiki is not a reliable source of information when researching into criminology topic areas.



Useful links

Criminology specification and other resources:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/criminology-level-3/#tab_overview
BBC iPlayer/Netflix and Channel 4 On Demand (lots of true crime docs and dramas)

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Criminology summer homework 2022

This work is to be completed for your first timetabled lesson. It will be marked. Please can you complete these two tasks. The work can be handwritten or typed; it is your call.

Task 1:

You are to ask these questions to anyone over the age of 16. You are to investigate their opinion about punishment and prisons.

You are to ask the questions below and write down their responses. **You can of course ask additional questions too!**

- 1- Do you think we are tough enough on crime?
- 2- The sentencing council recommend that if someone commits manslaughter with loss of control, they could be given a sentence of 3-20 years. What are your thoughts about the amount of time potentially served?
- 3- Most sentences passed only require the prisoner to serve half of their time. The rest of it will then be out in the community (they will be on license). What are your thoughts about this?
- 4- Is there a particular criminal case that sticks in your mind? If so, why.

Task 2:

In 200 words (or there about) explain your views about prison. Do you think it is good system, does it work? You can be as critical or positive as you wish. This is about your opinion so there is no right or wrong answer.

Extension task- this is optional. You do not have to do this.

Read the article attached to this pack. (<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/may/12/le-vi-bellfield-prisons-minister-review-serial-killer-request-marry-milly-dowler-marsha-mcdonnell-ame-lie-delagrance>.)

You are to then give an opinion piece about this. Do you think prisoners should be given the same rights as everyone else? The Human Rights Act 1998 is meant to allow everyone to have basic civil rights. So, do you think that these rights should be totally wavered (stopped) when they are in prison for serious offences like Levi Bellfield?