

# WJEC Level 3 Criminology @ Springwood Sixth Form

## Summer Task

### Compulsory (all must be completed)

#### Task 1:

Research a crime/criminal of your choice. This could be financial crime, state crime, homicide, serial crime... absolutely anything! Try to go for a case that has had less coverage, eg. avoiding ones like Ted Bundy, the Yorkshire Ripper or the Moors Murders.

Write a casefile on this crime/criminal. This should include:

- ★ A brief biography of who they are and their background
- ★ A summary of their crimes
- ★ **IMPORTANT: why** did they commit their crimes? Were there clues in their childhood, did they have a biological issue such as brain damage, were they abused or bullied?
- ★ Their sentencing (what punishment they received for their crimes - if any!)

This should be 2-3 pages in length (maximum). You should include images and colour to make the file aesthetically pleasing and presentable.

You should aim to obtain your information from a variety of sources (books, journals, websites, films and documentaries are a good starting point).

#### Task 2:

Pick a crime that YOU feel is underrepresented in public awareness. For example, domestic violence, honour crime, corporate crime (it could be anything you feel needs more publicity!)

1. Write a 250-500 word rationale describing the crime you have chosen, and why you feel that more awareness needs to be raised. Try to include statistics, facts and figures to back up your choice. *Eg. 2 women are killed every week by a partner - domestic violence*
2. Create a campaign material that could be used to raise awareness of this type of crime, g. a T Shirt, merchandise, a leaflet, or a poster. Be as creative as you like - use images, logos, etc. Canva.com is a good starting point to help you make a design. *Note: This could be an extension of the task you did on the Y12 Induction day.*

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### Task 3:

Write a 500 word summary on a case demonstrating miscarriage of justice. Examples include Stephen Lawrence, Barry George, Sally Clark, Colin Stagg, West Memphis Three, Central Park 5, Christopher Jeffries... or of course you can research your own! In your write up, include:

- ★ A definition of what miscarriages of justice are
- ★ A brief overview of what happened in your chosen case
- ★ A discussion of whether or not justice was eventually served, and how this happened
- ★ The importance of reducing miscarriages of justice in criminal trials
- ★ Any other information you find interesting or relevant

### **Optional extra task**

Write a review of one (or more!) of the following books or documentaries/films. Some structure to help your review:

1. Why you chose it
2. What was your prior knowledge of the topic, if any?
3. What was it about?
4. Did you enjoy it, why/why not?
5. What would you like to find out more about afterwards?
6. Any other relevant information

### **Additional reading**

#### **Books:**

Talking With... series, Christopher Berry-Dee

Traces, Patricia Wiltshire

Inside Broadmoor, Emma French + Jonathan Levi

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The Secret Barrister

The Governor, Vanessa Frake

The Prison Doctor, Amanda Brown

Criminal: How Our Prisons are Failing us All, Angela Kirwin

### **Documentaries:**

Anything from Channel 4's true crime collection:

<https://www.channel4.com/collection/true-crime-on-channel-4>

Anything from Real Stories crime:

<https://www.youtube.com/@RealStories/search?query=crime>

Anything from Netflix's true crime collection:

<https://www.netflix.com/gb/browse/genre/81050>