



## Summer Tasks July 2020

So, you think you would like to study: Criminology

### **Summer Task Title / Instructions:**

#### **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 their clues in their childhood, did they have a biological issue such as brain damage, were they abused or bullied?
- Their sentencing
- Life after sentencing

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). Please include reference of where your information came from in a reference list at the end of your document.

#### **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 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. Design a poster/t shirt/web page/ANY type of campaign material (please be as creative as you like!) aiming at raising awareness of your chosen crime.

#### **TASK 3:**

Complete the Future Learn course “Incarceration: Are Prisons a Suitable Punishment?” available here: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/incarceration-prisons-suitable-punishment>

(BONUS POINT: browse Criminology/Forensic Psychology on Future Learn and complete one or more extra courses that interest you. They are all free!)

#### **TASK 4:**

Write a 500 word review on one book **and** one documentary/film from the attached list. This should include:

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

(BONUS POINT: write a list of all the books/tv/films/podcasts you've read/watched/listened to from the list!)

**Any problems, questions or queries please email Miss Webb on**  
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**Please submit the task to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel free to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure on what subjects to study.**