



Summer Tasks July 2024

So, you think you would like to study: Criminology

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

ALL THREE TASKS ARE COMPULSORY

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 (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.*

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:

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

Any problems, questions or queries please email Miss Webb on c.webb@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

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.