

Transition Subject Tasks



Subject: Criminology

Course: Level 3 Certificate

Exam Board: WJEC

Tasks below are to be completed before September 2020

1. Define the different types of crime and distinguish how they are different from each other. For example; technological crimes, white-collar crimes, organised crime, murder, honour crime, arson, assault.
2. Research one famous case study for each type of crime. For example, individual crimes will include all the notorious serial killers from UK and USA like Ted Bundy and Fred West. For organised crime, Bernie Madoff is a high profile case. Honour crime, the case of Shafilia Ahmed.
3. For each case study, create a character profile (personality traits) and a background of their upbringing and social life. Aim to have 4-5 case studies of known criminals. All the information gathered will help you understand the motives and reasons for these people committing illegal acts.

Each profile should be at least one side of A4. Use the following subheading to help structure your research

- Name
- Best known for
- Early life and upbringing
- Early adulthood and social life
- Criminal behaviours/ crimes convicted

4. With the information gathered from your case studies, look into any theories which explain WHY they acted against the law. Some of these ideas you may find while you are researching about their case. Then, see if biological/ individualistic/ sociological theories can explain their criminality.

- Biological- XXY theory, Sheldon's theory + brain abnormalities
- Sociological- Marxism + strain theory
- Individualistic- Freud + Bandura

5. To further your curiosity for criminology, watch any TV series or films which look into the criminal justice system. OJ Simpson vs the people (Netflix) shows how a court case is carried out in the USA. 'When they see us' (Netflix) is a case of miscarriage of justice- what have we learnt/ changed to make sure this doesn't happen again. 'Criminal' (Netflix) is an example of how detectives interview suspects in the UK to determine whether they are guilty. 'The trials of Gabriel Fernandez' (Netflix). Viewer caution, some footage may be disturbing.

