



CRIMINOLOGY

GCSE TO A LEVEL

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:

Criminology is a study of criminal justice and law enforcement. It looks at crime, offenders and victims. Who are these and how are they investigated?

Part of what you study in the first year is the study of some of the theories within criminology that try to explain why a person commits a crime and the public's response. We look at theories throughout the course and in greater detail in the second part of year 1, which continues through into second year.

Some questions we will be asking and critically analysing throughout the course:

- What place do campaigns for change have in society?
- Are they useful at raising awareness of crimes and preventing them?
- Are people 'born criminal'?
- What can turn people to criminality?
- Does poverty cause crime?
- Does someone's upbringing cause crime?
- How can we tackle crime?
- Is crime inevitable?
- Is crime good for society?

To help you prepare for what is to come, we have included a few activities for you to do to get you started. Make good use of the internet, Google, trusted news outlets like BBC, The Independent etc. Using the internet and knowing how to research information from trusted sources is a vital skill in Criminology.

Task 1

Define what is meant by deviance

a. What is an example of deviant behaviour?

Task 2

Define what is meant by criminal

a. What is an example of criminal behaviour?

Task 3

Netflix, BBC iPlayer, Amazon Prime, YouTube etc. are fantastic sources for crime documentaries. We suggest

that you watch many case studies/true crime documentaries, as you will be needing case studies for our criminology lessons.

Watch the Louis

Theroux documentaries on Netflix or the BBC iPlayer app. He does lots of 'law and order' documentaries from different societies around the world.

Consider how different crime and punishment is in the UK compared with other parts of the world. Can you research any examples of crime and punishment that varies between different countries? How should the UK go about tackling crime?

Write a paragraph approximately 300 words to answer these questions.

Task 4

Research the case of Shafiea Ahmed and write a summary on her case. Your summary should include:

- a. Who is Shafiea?
- b. What happened to her?
- c. Who was involved in the crime?
- d. Were the public involved?
- e. Did the media do anything to help?

Task 5

Watch the following clip on the Manchester Riots in 2011:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6vOKV7H6_o

What do you think may have caused people to behave this way? Some things to consider: poverty, adrenaline, genetics, anonymity, taking advantage of an opportunity or because everyone else had been doing it.

