

Social Science Department

Transition Work for Level 3 **Criminology**

Work through the following activities and complete them before you have your first lesson in the subject. This is your first venture into your new subject and your teacher will be eager to see how much effort you have put into your first assignment. Use as many different resources as you can, there are some suggested in the box at the bottom of this page. Enjoy!



Task 1

Research some well-known crimes.

Search for these on line and watch any of the relevant documentaries. Netflix and amazon often have content on these too. Write a report for each one detailing what their crime was, what was the motive, what punishment did they receive and in your opinion was justice done. For an additional challenge, you could find out if any laws or policies changed as a result of the court case.

- Myra Hindley & Ian Brady – The Moors Murderers
- Ted Bundy
- Harold Shipman
- The murder of Jamie Bulger
- Charles Manson

Task 2

Investigate a particular type of crime – Honour crime

Write a report by finding out the statistics of honour killings both here in the UK and abroad in other countries. Pay particular attention to the Shafiea Ahmed case. Investigate the reasons that some people say it is acceptable for honour killings to take place.



Task 3

Report on crime in your area

Head to <https://www.police.uk/search/> and type in your postcode or an area you wish to investigate. Use the website to write a report on the crime in that area. Use the 'detailed statistics' function to get a breakdown of the crimes reported. Comment on the trends year to year – has it increased or decreased. Use the stats to explain what the most common crime in that area is – has this changed month to month or year to year. You could comment on the reasons you think this particular crime is so common in that area – is it a deprived area for instance, is there high unemployment or other factors that cause that crime. Finally, compare this area to another post code you are familiar with and make a note of the key differences. You could do this several times using a similar town to the one you live in with a similar population etc then maybe look at an inner city location and discuss the differences.

Task 4

Crime in the media

Pick a story in the media about a crime and follow it for a week. Make notes on how the crime is reported, how high a priority it gets in the media and if that changes over the week. When does the story disappear?

Research a Criminological theory about why the story was reported in the way it was



Suggested areas for information:

<https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/> http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/honourcrimes/crimesofhonour_1.shtml
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-prison-service> <https://www.met.police.uk/>
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/candp/>

