

Criminology

Phase 3

Diploma Level 3

Submission and deadlines

Phase	Deadline for work to be submitted	How to submit work
1	Monday 21 st June	Electronically as instructed in the Induction work
2	Wednesday 14 th July * (July Induction Day)	In person to the subject teacher
3	Thursday 2 nd September (September Induction Day)	In person to the subject teacher

Welcome Back to Criminology

You need to bring all of this to your first lesson!

For phase 3 you will be considering why people commit criminal acts.

- Criminologists offer lots of different viewpoints, some are similar, and some are very conflicting. We refer to these as Theories- which just means a set of ideas.
- For this phase you will
 - 1) Read through a scenario and bullet points reasons why you think Eddie started to commit criminal acts. This is great practise for the exam as scenarios will be used.
 - 2) You will then familiarise yourself with the theories we investigate in the course.
 - 3) You will then investigate why the serial killer you researched in phase 2 committed their crimes. Firstly, bullet point some ideas like you did for Eddie. Then pick the criminological theory you think best explains their actions. You will need to do some research on this theory to then apply it to your researched killer.

Task 1: Why do you think Eddie started to commit criminal acts? Try and think of at least 4 reasons

- Eddie is 13. He is doing badly in school and has been out in the bottom set for most subjects. Teachers regard Eddie as a bit 'thick'. They either ignore him or discipline him when he starts misbehaving to amuse his mates, or relieve the boredom. He dislikes school and feels like the teachers don't care. He knows he will fail, and can't wait to leave.
- Eddie hangs out with older boys who also dislike school. They often truant together, and hang around the shopping centre where they get to know some older boys. One of the boys, Tony, is full of bravado and has recently been convicted of vandalism and likes to brag about it. Eddie and the others are impressed and see his criminal record as a badge of honour.
- Eddie would like to be like Tony because all of his friends look up to Tony as a sort of leader. Eddie decides to get a can of paint and sprays graffiti on the school's wall.

Task 2: Criminological Theories

During the course we will look at explanations from 3 different approaches.

1) Biological- such as;

- Genetics
- Physiological theories (Lambraso and Sheldon)
- Biochemical (Serotonin and Diet)
- Brain abnormality

1) They look at how biological differences impact behaviour- for example they may argue that Eddie's levels of serotonin are low which can leads to anti social behaviour. Did you know that Serotonin is known as the happy hormone? If you have low serotonin you may suffer from depression, poor sleep and low mood.

2) They look at how society impact behaviour- for example they may argue that Eddie turned to crime because he didn't do well in school and started to hang around with a deviant gang

3) They look at how individual differences impact behaviour., for example they may argue that Eddie turned to crime because of his personality or his inability to form positive attachments.

2) Sociological, such as;

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Interactionism
- Left realism
- Right realism

3) Individualistic , such as;

1. Psychodynamic (Freud)
2. Criminal Personality (Eysenck)
3. Cognitive thinking patterns
4. Attachment (Bowlby)
5. Behaviourism

Task 3

Pick one approach (Biological, Sociological or individualistic) that you believe best applies to your researched Killer.

You can present your findings as a mind map/ written notes/ something else

Be as creative as you want!

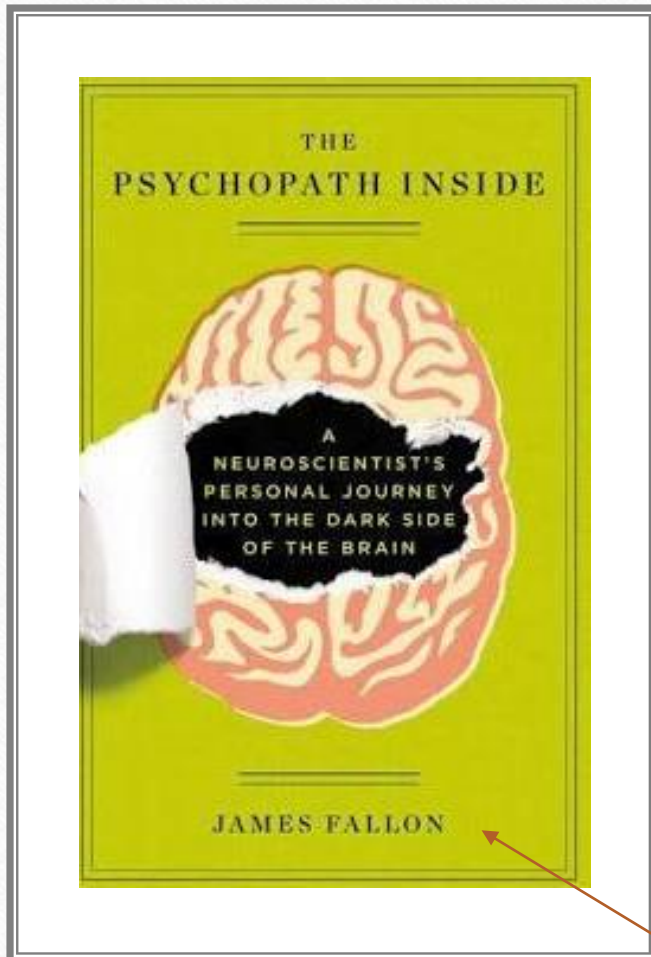
Key questions:

- What is the approach and when did it become popular? Are there any key thinkers associated with this approach?(don't forgot to look back at the overview I have given)
- Why does crime happen according to this approach?
- How does it explain the criminal acts of your researched Killer from phase 2?
- How far do you agree with the explanations you have found?

Want to know more?

- Listen to Dr James Fallon as he discusses the Nature/ Nurture debate to criminality. He was shocked to discover that his brain scans showed the same patterns as serial killers!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b010mcl1>



Recommended read!

Don't forget:

Criminology Checklist

- When you start the Criminology course you will need the following for every lesson:
 - 1) A lever arche file, file dividers and lined paper (some students like to use plastic wallets for their file as well)
 - 2) Basic stationary, including highlighters.
 - 3) Laptop (if you wish), you can either write your notes on a laptop or by hand, however if you do use a laptop you must regularly print your notes off and file, as you can use your file in your controlled assessments.
- We will provide you will a text book for the year (deposit will be required) as well as resource and assessment booklets for your criminology Units.
- Make sure you bring these to lessons as well.