

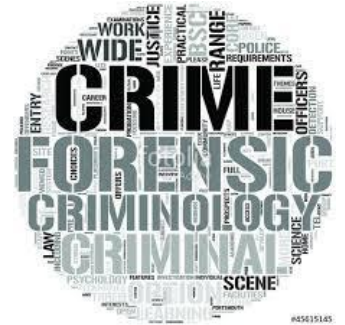
Criminology - Preparatory Summer Work

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.

To get you started on the journey of studying criminology, we have set you some activities to complete prior to your course commencing later this year. These are designed to engage your thought processes within criminology and to get you asking questions and in your search for answers.



Task 1

Read the following article on the age of responsibility -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-50763713> BBC News Responsible Child:

Can a 10-year-old be a cold-blooded murderer?

(by Serena Kutchinsky)

Choose a side-give your argument as to why this age is appropriate or inappropriate for criminal responsibility. Use the article to help.

Research other children who have killed and try to add this research into your argument to validate it, as well as the points made in the article. Remember if you make a statement, you need to back up what you are saying with evidence you have gathered for it for example,

“By setting the age of criminal responsibility at 10, it allows flexibility in the addressing of offending behaviour by children, whilst allowing early intervention to help prevent further offending.”

Task 2: What made Charles Whitman a killer?

Using the following links and your own research write a report on the case of Charles Whitman.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIPDTvjBbu0>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Whitman

Your report should be structured using the following subheadings. Please write at least a

paragraph for each:

- Overview of the crimes Whitman committed.
- The significance of Whitman’s childhood experiences and role models
- The significance of Whitman’s adult experiences and behaviour
- The significance of Whitman’s health
- Charles Whitman – What made him a killer? Conclusion

