

Preparation for Applied Diploma Criminology






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Unit One: Changing Awareness of Crime

Key Question: What is crime?

There is no universally agreed definition of what is meant by the term crime is, it is a largely contested concept; however, it is generally recognised as an act made punishable by the law. Criminologists often explore this further through the study of criminology. Criminology is the scientific study of crime and criminals; whereby, who commits crime, why people commit crime, the impact of their crime, and how to prevent their actions is explored in more depth. As part of this, criminologists investigate what determines whether an action is considered criminal or not.

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| <p>Use the resources and own research to complete address the following key questions in your response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is crime? Explore what is meant by the term 'crime', establishing a definition of this term • Why is the term crime difficult to define? • What different examples of crime exist? Provide a range of different examples of crime, unpicking any types that you may not be familiar with e.g., white collar crime. • Why are some behaviours viewed as 'criminal'? | <p>What is crime? https://thefactfactor.com/facts/law/legal_concepts/criminology/what-is-crime-and-criminology/7004/</p> <p>Problems in defining crime https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/defining-crime</p> <p>7 Different types of crime https://www.thoughtco.com/types-of-crimes-3026270</p> <p>types of crime https://open.lib.umn.edu/socialproblems/chapter/8-2-types-of-crime/</p> | <p>What is crime? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdP7Q-CdZZs</p> <p>What is crime? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2llcZPW6oU</p> <p>What is criminology? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdaqqIFQdTE</p> <p>Intro to criminology https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tvL1dvWcFk</p> |

What to submit: Using your notes, write a **500-word report** to answer the key question:
What is crime?

Your report should be written in size 11 font, well presented and informative to show an understanding of the content that you have been researching and analysing. Use the questions above (in the 'what do box') to help you structure your writing, referring to evidence and examples. You can add article extract(s), images or diagrams to illustrate your points. Try to reach a conclusion to the key question.

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Unit Two: Criminological Theories

Key Question: Who commits crime and what are their motives?

As Criminology involved the scientific study of crime and criminals, this will require us to look at different examples of criminals and the cause(s) of criminality. To explore this, we will undertake several in-depth studies focusing on different types of criminals. For this part of your assignment, you will have choice.

Choose from: Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, Fred and Rose West or Peter Sutcliffe (The Yorkshire Ripper)

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| <p>Use the resources and own research to complete address the following key questions in your response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What crime or crimes did they commit? • What were the specifics around the crime(s) they committed? Include when? Where? Who? Why? • How were they sentenced? What did their sentencing involve? Where they sentenced? Why? Why not? • How has their background shaped them as an individual? Does their background explain their criminal behaviour? | <p>The story of Myra Hindley https://allthatsinteresting.com/myra-hindley-moors-murders https://www.crimeandinvestigation.co.uk/article/how-ian-brady-and-myra-hindley-the-moors-murderers-were-caught</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk for any new article relating to the serial killer you are researching</p> <p>The Yorkshire Ripper https://www.crimeandinvestigation.co.uk/crime-files/peter-sutcliffe-the-yorkshire-ripper https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/yorkshire-ripper</p> <p>12 victims of Fed and Rose West https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-57182844</p> | <p>*Please check that your parents are happy for you to watch these first</p> <p>Moor Murderers https://www.channel4.com/programmes/moors-murders</p> <p>Fred and Rose West https://www.channel5.com/show/fred-and-rose-west-the-search-for-the-victims</p> |

What to submit: Using your notes, create a fact file on a famous serial killer

Who commits crime and what are their motives?

Your fact file should be well presented (making use of images and articles), and informative to show an understanding of the content that you have been researching and analysing. Use the questions above (in the 'what do box') to help you structure your fact file and refer to a range of sources of information. You can add any images, or diagrams to illustrate your points. Try to include a summary of the killer(s) you have elected at the bottom of your factfile.