

Criminology year 11 preparation tasks

Welcome to Criminology!

Below are a set of tasks to help you to understand a little bit about what we will be doing on the course. These can be presented in any way you feel appropriate. I hope you enjoy carrying out the research.

Should you have any questions please email me: kalleyne@kgaprospect.uk

Task 1 - Research the difference between 'criminal behaviour' and 'deviant behaviour'

Write a definition for each and give examples of what would be deemed to be criminal behaviour and what would be deemed as deviant behaviour:

Task 2 - Using the following website: <https://www.police.uk/>

- a) Research crime in your local area.
- b) List some of the different types of crimes that have been committed.
- c) Record how many of each crime has been committed (due to lockdown you may want to look at January/February 2020 and/or last year's figures).
- d) Identify which are criminal and which are criminal and deviant.

Task 3 - Research all the types of crime below and include the following information;

1. An explanation for each type of crime.
 2. An example/case study where each crime has been committed and reported in the news i.e white collar crime – Bernie Madoff case
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- a) White collar crime, e.g. organised, corporate, professional
 - b) Moral crimes
 - c) State crimes, e.g. Human rights
 - d) Technological crimes, e.g. E-crimes, dark web
 - e) Individual crimes – this covers; hate crime, honour crime and domestic abuse

Task 4

For at least 3 of the criminals listed a to g, create a fact file that includes the following information:

1. The perpetrator(s) and their victim(s)
2. The crime committed
3. Details of their trial
4. Details of their sentence
5. What type of family circumstances did they grow up in
6. What type of education they had

7. Any Information about their background that might help explain their criminal behaviour. For example, head injury, mental illness, childhood and upbringing.
8. Any new laws or policies brought about due to the crime(s) committed
 - a. Myra Hindley and Ian Brady
 - b. Robert Thompson and Jon Venables
 - c. Shafiea Ahmed
 - d. Fred and Rosemary West
 - e. Dr Harold shipman
 - f. Gary Dobson and David Norris
 - g. Bernie Madoff

Task 5 - Research the nature/nurture debate

1. Briefly explain the nature/nurture debate.
2. Give an explanation as to whether you think it was nature or nurture that defined the criminal behaviour of one of the criminals you chose in Task 4 and explain why.

Task 6 - Research 1 of the following campaigns:

- a) Unlock
- b) Sarah's Law
- c) Claire's Law
- d) No Knives, Better Lives

1. The purpose of the campaign – what did it aim to achieve?
2. The background to the campaign – what events led to the start of the campaign?
4. What type of media was used and how?
3. Was it successful in achieving its aim – what evidence is there of the campaign's success?
4. In what ways are the various campaigns similar to or different from one another? For example, do they use similar methods? Are their aims different?

Task 7 - Research the 2011 England Riots (London riots)

1. Briefly explain what happened in regards to the England riots 2011
2. Why did the riots happen (what started them)?
3. Briefly explain how the media portrayed this event?
4. Explain how and why sentencing in connection to the riots was harsh?
5. Were any laws and/or policies changed due to the riots?

Extension activities:

1. BBC Documentary on Double Jeopardy – make sure you take notes on the campaign and why the campaign happened -
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009dz2/catching-britains-killers-the-crimes-that-changed-us-series-1-2-double-jeopardy>
2. BBC Documentary Love & Hate Crime - make sure you take notes on the campaign and why the campaign happened -
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07r371m/love-and-hate-crime-series-2-2-trouble-in-paradise>
3. BBC Documentary Jack The Ripper Case Reopened -
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0003wdk/jack-the-ripper-the-case-reopened>