



Welcome to the Diploma in Criminology! This fascinating course is part-controlled assessment (coursework under exam conditions) and part-exam. It covers an excitingly broad range, and includes aspects of sociology, psychology and media as well as police and courtroom procedure.

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Compulsory bridging task

Research a famous crime or criminal from England or Wales (the law is different in Scotland). When you have done this, create a research paper (1,000-1500 words) on that crime in which you answer the following questions:

1. Who is the criminal? Provide background information about who they were and what caused them to enter the world of crime.
2. What crime did they commit? Aim higher: what legislation were they convicted under?
3. Who was the victim? What was the impact of the crime upon them?
4. How did the offender get caught? What punishment did they receive?
5. What was the media response to the crime? Give some examples. Was the media's response affected by the background of the offender or the victims?
6. How did the media response impact the public's perception of the offender and their crime?

If you are stuck for ideas, you could try the following:

- Jack the Ripper
- Peter Sutcliffe (the Yorkshire Ripper)
- Harold Shipman
- Charles Bronson
- Fred and Rose West
- Beverley Allitt