

Law and Criminal Justice Resource List for Grades 5 through 8

The Resources in this document can be used with the Law and Criminal Justice Curriculum Packet for grades 5-8.

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- Crime Scene: The Ultimate Guide to Forensic Science, 2003 by Richard Platt (Author). An introduction to the high-tech world of forensic science shows how the latest methods of scientific detection are used to uncover the truth about a crime scene.
- CSI Expert!: Forensic Science for Kids, 2008 by Karen Schulz (Author). Includes more than 25 in-depth activities on fingerprinting, evidence collection, bloodstain identification, forensic careers, ballistics, and much more.
- DK Eyewitness Books: Crime and Detection, 2005 by Brian Lane (Author), Laura Buller (Author). Discover the changing nature of crime from prehistoric times to the present day, and the fascinating methods of its detection.
- Fingerprint Evidence (Crime Solvers), 2018 by Amy Kortuem (Author). Find out about the techniques and tools fingerprint analysts use to help bring even the toughest cases to a close.
- Forensic Science (DK Eyewitness Books), 2008 by Chris Cooper (Author). Learn about the importance of correctly handling evidence, find out why fingerprints are so critical to an investigation, see how faces can be reconstructed, explore the clues in different blood splatters, and more.
- Forensics: Uncover the Science and Technology of Crime Scene Investigation (Inquire and Investigate), 2013 by Carla Mooney (Author), Samuel Carlbaugh (Illustrator). Kids will have fun learning about the world of forensics, evidence collection, and crime lab analysis. Entertaining illustrations and fascinating sidebars.
- Graphic Forensic Science, 2008.
 - Autopsies: Pathologists at Work by Gary Jeffrey
 - Detective Work with Ballistics by David West
 - Solving Crimes Through Criminal Profiling by Rob Shone
 - Corpses and Skeletons: The Science of Forensic Anthropology by Rob Shone
 - Crime Scene Investigators by Rob Shone
 - Solving Crimes with Trace Evidence by Gary Jeffrey
- Illustrated Guide to Home Forensic Science Experiments: All Lab, No Lecture (Diy Science), 2012 by Robert Bruce Thompson (Author), Barbara Fritchman Thompson (Author).

This full-color book offers advice for setting up an inexpensive home lab and includes more than 50 hands-on lab sessions that deal with forensic science experiments in biology, chemistry, and physics.

- On the Scene: A CSI's Life, 2012 by Teacher Created Materials (Authors). In conjunction with detailed images and fascinating facts, readers learn about forensic science, criminal investigative evidence, and crime scene searches. This book includes an interview with a real-life CSI and a glossary, index, and list of useful sources.

Fiction

- Brainwashed: Crime Travelers Spy School Mystery & International Adventure, 2014 by Paul Aertker (Author), Brian Luster (Editor). Book 1 in a series of 3. This Crime Travelers series combines action and adventure with global awareness and smart humor. It has been called the Bourne Identity for kids.
- The Name of this Book Is Secret, 2008 by Pseudonymous Bosch (Author). First in a series of 3. Lemony Snicket-like humor and decoding puzzles through research and handy gizmos, lots of fun.
- Spy School, 2013 by Stuart Gibbs (Author). First in a series of 6. The main character in this series is in middle school, but he's already pegged his dream job: C.I.A. or bust. Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." In fact, he is so awkward, he can barely get to school and back without a mishap.

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Kids Discover: Rules and Laws
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/kd1-rules-laws/>
Who makes the rules? Who makes the laws? Who makes sure people follow them? What happens if they're not followed? Find out for yourself in Kids Discover Rules and Laws.

Online Links

These sites are all maintained by institutions with an involvement in Law and Criminal Justice. They have a rich array of resources, including background information, simulated experiences, and much more.

- Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology,
Simon Fraser University
Investigating Forensics Interactive Experience
<http://www.sfu.museum/forensics/eng/>
This site includes information and activities that recreate some of the challenges forensics experts deal with. Students can learn first-hand about forensics by taking on the roles of Forensic Specialists.

- Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics

www.albany.edu/sourcebook

The Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics provides information about the criminal justice system. The site is divided into six sections that include statistics about the following: the criminal justice systems, public attitudes toward crime and criminal justice-related topics, the nature and distribution of known offenses, characteristics and distribution of persons arrested, judicial processing of defendants, and persons under correctional supervision.

Background information for the Educator

- Lesson plans - American Bar Association

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/public_education/lawday-lessonplans-2013.pdf

- The Spy Museum: lots of resources for reading and exploration

<https://www.spymuseum.org/education-programs/news-books-briefings/>

- Teacher Resources From the National Constitution Center

www.constitutioncenter.org/sections/teacher/lesson_plans/judicial_pwr.asp

Through exercises such as "Mock Court Trial of 'Dances With Wolves'" or "Constitution Case Study," students from middle and high school can actively explore the inner workings of our justice system, from Supreme Court role-playing to meting out sentences at a mock court martial.