

Law and Criminal Justice Resource List for Grades 9 through 12

The Resources in this document can be used with the Law and Criminal Justice Curriculum Packet for grades 9-12.

Books

Nonfiction and Biography

- Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA, 2016 by Bridget Heos (Author).
This book uses real-life cases to tell the history of modern forensic science, from the first test for arsenic poisoning to fingerprinting, firearm and blood spatter analysis, DNA evidence, and all the important milestones in between.
- Careers in Criminal Justice, 2018 by Coy H. Johnston (Author).
- This book prepares you to plan, pursue, and realize your career goals—from conception through the hiring process.
- The Crime Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained, 2017 by DK (Author), Cathy Scott (Foreword).
An essential guide to criminology, exploring the most infamous cases of all time, from serial killers to mob hits to war crimes and more.
- 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
- Criminal Justice (Opposing Viewpoints), 2012 by Noel Merino (Author).
Each title Opposing Viewpoints series explores a specific issue by placing expert opinions in a unique pro/con format; the viewpoints are selected from a wide range of highly respected and often hard-to-find publications
- Forensics: Uncover the Science and Technology of Crime Scene Investigation (Inquire and Investigate), 2013 by Carla Mooney (Author), Samuel Carlbaugh (Illustrator), Non-fiction. 5-8,9-12 Combining hands-on activities with forensic science, kids will have fun learning about the world of forensics, evidence collection, and crime lab analysis.
Entertaining illustrations and fascinating sidebars illuminate the topic and bring it to life, reinforcing new vocabulary.
- Forensic Identification: Putting a Name and Face on Death (Exceptional Science Titles for Upper Grades), 2012 by Elizabeth A. Murray (Author)
About 4,000 unidentified deceased persons are discovered in the United States every year. In this book, forensic anthropologist Dr. Elizabeth A. Murray takes readers into the morgues and forensic labs where experts use advanced technology to determine the

identities of dead bodies whose names are not known because the bodies are mutilated, decomposed beyond recognition, or cut into pieces.

- 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.
- Jingle Jangle: The Perfect Crime Turned Inside, 2007 by Jim Rix (Author). This is a true story about one person's journey through the criminal justice system to prove the innocence of a relative who was accused of a murder.
- Using Computer Science in High-Tech Criminal Justice Careers (Coding Your Passion, 2017 by Carol Hand (Author). Describes how computer science is used in careers involving criminal justice, including such disciplines as forensic science, cybercrimes, and drone operators.'

Fiction

- CSI: Headhunter, 2008 by Greg Cox (Author). (One of many titles in the CSI series by various authors)
A package bearing no return address arrives at the Anthropology Department of the University of Nevada, and a shocking discovery is made upon opening the box: a genuine shrunken head!
- One of Us Is Lying, 2018 by Karen M. McManus (Author).
Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Internet Journal of Criminology: Home
<https://www.internetjournalofcriminology.com/>
Publishing international, scholarly and open peer-reviewed criminology articles of the highest standard from many areas of expertise.
- Journal of Criminal Justice | ScienceDirect.com
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-criminal-justice>
Read the latest articles of Journal of Criminal Justice at ScienceDirect.com.

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.

- The American Bar Association
www.abanet.org
The American Bar Association is listed as the largest voluntary professional association in the world. It aims to improve lawyers' careers through continuing education and programs for lawyers and judges. For the public, the ABA provides access to legal information and advocates initiatives to improve the legal system.

- Bureau of Justice Assistance
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA
The Bureau of Justice Assistance program is a function of the U. S. Department of Justice. It was created to involve the public in understanding the justice system and its effect on individual communities, and to inspire collaboration in ensuring the safety of neighborhoods, schools and workplaces.
- Bureau of Justice Statistics: 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.
- Talk Justice: The World's Criminal Justice Forum
www.talkjustice.com
Talk Justice is an open forum for criminal justice practitioners, academicians, students, crime victims and concerned citizens. In addition to discussion, the site offers a useful "cybrary" (online library) of information about crime prevention, due process, gangs, police, unsolved crimes and many other issues.
- The Spy Museum: lots of resources for reading and exploration
<https://www.spymuseum.org/education-programs/news-books-briefings/>

Background information for the Educator

- American Experience: "Murder of the Century"
www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/tguidef95/tgmurder.html
From the PBS series American Experience, this exciting set of lesson plans based on the 1906 shooting of a wealthy Manhattan architect by a jealous millionaire asks students to investigate the media's role in criminal proceedings and the effect of social class on the criminal justice system.
- Lesson plans - American Bar Association
https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/public_education/lawday-lessonplans-2013.pdf
- "Law Day," American Bar Association -- Division for Public Education
www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/schools/lessons/hs_jury.html
Intended for high school students, this online education resource from the American Bar Association gives educators concrete exercises to help students understand the key role juries play in trials. Suggested activities encourage students to tackle controversial contemporary issues such as the privacy of defendants in high-profile public trials and the relatively recent inclusion of women in jury service. A jury selection simulation offers inquisitive kids the chance to become legally informed potential jurors in a trial.
- Anatomy of a Murder: A Trip Through Our Nation's Legal Justice System
library.thinkquest.org/2760/?tqskip1=1&tqtime=0213
Part cliff-hanger, part legal primer, this Web site will have upper grade students enthralled as they embark on a journey through the criminal justice system, beginning in

a sleepy Arizona town where a homicide has been committed. The unfolding tale of murder and intrigue will have students sitting at the edge of their keyboards, suspense-hooked, turning the digital pages until justice has finally been delivered. Each "chapter" of the story reveals the very real, complex legal issues involved in a criminal trial and the relationships among all its participants, from law enforcement officials to the victim's family and the accused defendant.

- "Mock Trial Preparation and Procedures," American Bar Association Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship

www.bamsl.org/edu/mthandb.htm

Mock trials are an excellent way for young people to develop critical thinking, hone speaking skills and master understanding of courtroom procedures through academically accessible exercises. Through step-by-step instructions, this how-to guide offers teachers a blueprint for creating their own mock trials in a classroom setting.

- National High School Mock Trial Championship

www.nationalmocktrial.org/

Ever since its inception in 1984, this national mock trial tournament has striven to "heighten appreciation for the principle of equal justice for all." Aspiring contestants can click on this link to see if their high school team has the courtroom savvy to litigate its way to the top this coming May in Minnesota.

- Teacher Resources From the National Constitution Center

www.constitutioncenter.org/sections/teacher/lesson_plans/judiciary_pwrs.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.