

## Law and Criminal Justice Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the Law and Criminal Justice Curriculum Packet for grades K-4.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries, 2013 by Elizabeth MacLeod (Author), Tina Holdcroft (Illustrator).  
Find out how scientists use autopsy results, DNA testing, bone fragments, and even insects to determine the cause of death.
- Detective Science: 40 Crime-Solving, Case-Breaking, Crook-Catching Activities for Kids, 1996 by Jim Wiese (Author).  
Search for evidence, gather clues, and discover how science can help solve a mystery. These fun activities give kids a firsthand look at how detectives and forensic scientists use science to solve real-life crimes.
- Eyewitness Books: Crime and Detection, 2005 by Brian Lane (Author), Laura Buller (Author).  
This is a new and exciting guide to the fascinating world of crime and detection.
- Forensic Science (DK Eyewitness Books), 2008 by Chris Cooper (Author).  
A visual guide to the world of crime-scene investigation.
- Fuzzy Forensics: DNA Fingerprinting Gets Wild, 2015 by L. E. Carmichael (Author).  
In this book you'll discover how witnesses, conservation officers, veterinarians, and scientists join forces to solve countless crimes against wildlife, all around the world.
- Officer Dan Looks for Clues - An Introduction to Forensic Science for Kids, 2012 by Daniel Anselment (Author), Amy Anselment (Illustrator).  
This book has real life examples of crime scenes without any graphic violence. Written by a police officer who was responsible for processing crime scenes.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality, 2017 by Jonah Winter (Author), Stacy Innerst (Illustrator). Picture book biography  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg had to overcome countless injustices to become a lawyer, professor, a judge, and finally a Supreme Court Justice.
- That's Not Fair!: Getting to Know Your Rights and Freedoms (CitizenKid), 2016 by Danielle McLaughlin (Author), Dharmali Patel (Illustrator).  
This is an accessible exploration of the rights and freedoms of citizens in a democracy through a series of six short stories starring Mayor Moe and the councilors of a city. The

topics are child-friendly and there are conclusions for each story include an extended discussion of the rights and freedoms featured in the story.

- We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, 2005 by David Catrow (Author, Illustrator).  
This fun illustrated look at the Preamble provides an accessible introduction to America's founding ideals for citizens of all ages.

### Fiction

- The Cupcake Thief, 2007 by Ellen Jackson (Author), Blanche Sims (Illustrator).  
After a cupcake is stolen, the class forms a student court to resolve the matter. Includes examples and definitions from our legal system.
- Dog Man, 2016 by Dav Pilkey (Author).  
Dog Man is a crime-fighting sensation. He fights crime, sniffs out wrongdoing, and battles his doglike tendencies. (Series of 5)
- The Web Files, 2001 by Margie Palatini (Author), Richard Egielski (Illustrator).  
A hilarious, tongue-twisting spoof on Dragnet, as two duck-tectives searches for a missing peck of purple almost-pickled peppers and meet nursery rhyme characters along the way.

### 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.

### Background information for the Educator

- Learning about Laws with Yertle the Turtle. (This is a lesson plan)

[http://www.justiceteaching.org/resource\\_material/Yertle\\_the\\_Turtle\\_Elementary%20\(3\).pdf](http://www.justiceteaching.org/resource_material/Yertle_the_Turtle_Elementary%20(3).pdf)

- Lesson plans - American Bar Association  
[https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/images/public\\_education/lawday-lessonplans-2013.pdf](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/>