

Bridging Unit Tasks: Applied Criminology

Activity (pick three – include the top one!)

Bring to class in September.

Task 1 – media representation of crime:

Choose one **factual** film/TV show to watch and one **fictional** film/TV show to watch from those listed below. Describe how crime is represented in each. In your descriptions you should cover:

- ✓ The type of crime that is shown in the film/TV show (e.g. fraud, theft, murder);
- ✓ The genre of the film/TV show (e.g. a comedy, a mystery, a documentary, etc.);
- ✓ Some key adjectives to describe how the crime is shown by the actors (e.g. glamorised, shocking, trivialised, realistic, etc.).
- ✓ An explanation for the adjectives used (e.g. what about the representation makes the crime appear realistic, dramatic, unrealistic, etc.)

Please note: Some of these suggestions are not suitable for younger viewers and may include potentially upsetting images.

Films		TV shows	
Fictional	Factual/based on true crimes	Fictional	Factual/based on true crimes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch me if you can (Amazon Prime/YouTube) • James Bond (any) (Amazon Prime / YouTube) • Mission Impossible (any) (YouTube) • Taken (Disney+) • Jack Reacher (Netflix) • Ocean's 11/12/13 (Netflix) • The Talented Mr. Ripley (Netflix) • Hot Fuzz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spotlight (Netflix / YouTube) • Hotel Rwanda • Legend (Amazon Prime / YouTube) • Believe Me (Netflix) • The Bling Ring (Amazon Prime) • In the Name of the Father (Netflix) • The Irishman (Netflix) • Lucy Letby (Netflix) • The Murder of Rachel Nickell (Netflix) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line of Duty (BBC iPlayer / Netflix / Amazon Prime) • Death in Paradise (BBC iPlayer) • Innocent (ITV) • Money Heist (Netflix) • Brooklyn 99 (All 4 / Netflix) • The Fall (BBC iPlayer / Netflix / Amazon Prime) • Midsomer Murders (ITV / Amazon Prime) • Shetland (BBC iPlayer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventing Anna (Netflix) • Quiz (Amazon Prime) • White House Farm (ITV) • Manhunt (ITV) • The Pembrokeshire Murders (ITV) • Des (ITV) • The Real CSI (BBC iPlayer) • Catching a Killer (All 4) • Murder in the Outback (All 4) • Should I Marry a Murderer (Netflix)

Task 2: Pick a crime and compare the statistics for this crime on these two websites. How are they similar/different?:

- <https://www.police.uk/>
- <http://www.crimesurvey.co.uk/en/index.html>

Task 3: Research and write a factfile on one or more of the following crimes to include: definition of the crime, typical victim, typical offender and a real-life case study example

- White collar crime
- Cybercrime
- Hate crime
- Honour crime

Task 4: Research one or more of the following campaigns for change and write a report on it to include: aim/purpose of campaign, techniques/media used in campaign to gain awareness, people involved in the campaign, plus was the campaign successful and why?

Choose from - Sarah's Law, Clare's Law, Double Jeopardy Law (Ann Ming), The Snowdrop campaign

Task 5: Research one or more of the following areas:

- Describe and evaluate biological explanations for crime.
- Describe and evaluate psychological explanations for crime.
- Describe and evaluate sociological explanations for crime.