

Culminating Crime Scene

Objective: To apply investigative techniques learned in "Evidence and Investigation" to create a crime scene, complete with clues and a mystery to solve.

Steps:

1. Brainstorm with your group types of crimes which do not involve assault or murder. Crime cannot be violent.
2. You can work in groups of either 3 or 4 to plan the crime scene. The following must be planned:
 - Crime: what was the crime? Where was it committed? A simple floor plan map of the crime scene must be included.
 - Suspects: Each student must create a different student's description. The suspect's description should include such information as: the suspect's name, physical appearance, personality, distinguishing characteristics, and clothing.
 - Motive: Each suspect must have a motive for committing the crime. For example, if the motive for robbery is that they all need money, each suspect should have a different reason for needing money.
 - Opportunity: All of the suspects must have had an opportunity to commit the crime. Do any of them have believable alibis?
 - Clues: Each suspect must leave at least three clues at the crime scene. What could the clues be? Handwriting sample or note? Evidence of clothing fiber? Fingerprints? Foot or tire prints? Soil sample? Ink sample? Eye-witness account? "Red Herrings" (clues that will throw off the investigator and that are not really relevant to the crime) might also be included.

Written Part:

You must present all your work in the format of a case (like the "Student Investigations" we did in class. On the day of presentations, you will set up your crime scene with any necessary props.

The case should include the following parts:

The Case

Crime Scene: Give us the background story on what happened. What happened? When and where did this happen? How does it seem to have happened? Who are the possible suspects. Look back the Theft and Forgery cases for examples of what this section should look like.

Suspect Information: Each person comes up with his/her own suspect. Why is each suspect a suspect?

Investigation Report

Suspect Statements: People suspected of a crime are asked to give a statement. The statement often reveals the suspect's connection with the crime, where they were at the time of the crime, and a possible motive for the crime.

Also include: This section should also include a complete description of the suspect (the suspect's name, physical appearance, personality, distinguishing characteristics, and clothing).

Investigator's Notes: You can have multiple sub-sections here. For example, witness statements, other observations, inferences (clearly marked).

Evidence: List all evidence. Include title and description of each piece of evidence (as well as picture/sample/drawing as applicable). All evidence should be numbered.

On a separate sheet of paper, you must include a **solution**. State who is the culprit in your case. List all the evidence and details from the investigation that support your conclusion.

Crime Scene Report – Summary

CASE

Crime Scene:

What happened? When and where did this happen? What events led to the crime? Who is involved?

Suspect Information:

Who are the Suspects? What do they do?

Investigation Report

Suspect Statements:

Witness Statements:

Evidence left at Crime Scene:

Other Observations:

SUSPECT PROFILE

Name: _____

Aliases: _____

DOB: _____

Weight: _____

Height: _____

Physical Description: _____

Blood type: _____

Left-handed or Right-handed: (*attach writing sample*) _____

Previous Charges: _____

Other Notes: _____

Attach any other evidence/notes:

