

Crime Scene Investigations

Non-Fiction Article

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Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Lesson Plan
- Teacher Instructions
- Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- Audio file of the article
- Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- Non-fiction article (modified and regular levels)
- 3 Post reading activities
 - ✓ Comprehension questions
 - ✓ Grammar questions
 - ✓ Long response writing

EXAMPLE PAGES

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION


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The crime scene investigation (CSI) team arrives with their bags, cameras, and other special equipment. They take photos, collect fingerprints, preserve evidence, and look for clues in the crime scene.

If you think these scenes are a work of fiction, then you might be surprised that they are based on real scientific methods. There is a science behind all these steps. Procedures are based on forensic science.

What is Forensic Science?
Forensics is a branch of science that deals with crime investigation and analysis. Forensic science uses scientific methods to solve crimes. They use different techniques from biology, chemistry, and physics to collect evidence.

The evidence is then sent to a laboratory and processed. Using specialized equipment, a forensic scientist will physically, electronically,



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and chemically analyze evidence, looking for clues to determine what happened at the crime scene.

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Long before forensic techniques were being used by the police, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used them in his Sherlock Holmes stories. This fictional detective is featured in four novels and fifty-six short stories. He remains one of the most famous fictional detectives over one hundred years later.

K-W-L CHART

Topic: _____

K	W	L
What do I already know about this topic?	What do I want to know about this topic?	What new things did I learn about this topic from the article?

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THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

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ARTICLE QUESTIONS

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Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the questions below on this paper.

1. What does the crime scene investigation (CSI) team do?

2. What is forensic science? (2 marks)

3. What happens at a crime lab?

4. Who is Sherlock Holmes?

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