

Crime and the Criminal Mind

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Why is everyone so fascinated by crime and the criminal mind?

This subject has become a major feature of news and entertainment television whose primetime shows have included crime as a prominent feature in the past several decades. This course offers an opportunity to discover various types of crime and criminals through their portrayal in the media. Students will have the opportunity to play judge, jury, lawyer, plaintiff and defendant.



Areas of research include crime writers, the media and crime, film and crime, famous criminals and famous crimes, the funniest crimes, the strangest crimes and unsolved crimes. The discovery and analysis of crime in politics, war crimes, corporate crime, new technologies and the birth of technological crimes. Using film, in-depth TV reports, documentaries and new media, we will explore crimes across various cultures and differences in legal systems.

Language objectives:

- New vocabulary acquisition
- Improve oral and written skills
- Improve listening and reading skills
- Practise discussing, debating, hypothesizing in English

Evaluation:

- Active participation/homework assignments 50%
- Court case role play/Student-led project 50%

Does the punishment fit the crime?!