

BOOK REPORT ASSIGNMENT FOR FORENSIC SCIENCE

PURPOSE – The purpose of this assignment is for you to recognize and comprehend how forensic science has been used to solve real crimes by reading a true crime book.

The book you choose to read must be at least 250 pages long. You can NOT cover several, shorter stories.

WRITING THE BOOK REPORT: It is a good idea to take notes on these things while reading the book so the report is easy to write. The report must:

- 1. Be at least 2 full pages long (this means 2 full pages of text, does NOT include pictures etc).**
- 2. Use 12” font and 1” page margins.**
- 3. Have a title page with title of book and your name etc (this page does NOT count as one of the two full pages).**
- 4. Be written in paragraph form.**
- 5. Include the themes indicated below.**

FORMAT:

- 1. Introduction**
 - Title of book
 - Author – how many pages?
 - Year book was written
 - Who it is about
 - Brief statements about what they did/what the book is about
- 2. Background on the killer(s)**
 - Where they grew up
 - Family life growing up (abuse? Etc)
 - Psychological/emotional problems etc
 - How old when they started killing
 - If more than 1 killer, how did they meet?
- 3. Explanation of the crime**
 - What they did, to whom etc
 - Motives for killing
 - Weapons used
 - Your analysis of the killings/killer
 - Anything about the victims that is important/related to the killing etc

4. Police/forensic work

Explain how they caught the killer: evidence, witnesses, interviews etc

5. Conclusion – Paragraph to wrap it up or make any personal statements

NUMBERS 3 AND 4 SHOULD BE THE BULK OF THE PAPER

THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE LAST WEEK (week 12) OF THE SEMESTER SO YOU HAVE ABOUT 10 WEEKS. AN EXACT DUE DATE WILL BE GIVEN AT A LATER DATE. LATE BOOK REPORTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED SO PLAN AHEAD.

Remember, this assignment will count as an assessment and assessments make up 55% of your grade so..... you really need to earn credit on this assignment!

Please feel free to turn in the assignment early so I can proofread it. I will help you edit your paper so your score improves.

Good luck and Good reading! ☺