**LEGAL RESEARCH TEAMS ACTIVITY**

**Point Value - 100 pts, DUE, WESDAY OCTOBER 30**

Case Assigned:

* Case 7 – Ted Bundy
* Case 8 – Michael Peterson
* Case 9 – Casey Anthony
* Case 10 – Jeffrey MacDonald
* Case 11 – The Trial of Amanda Knox
* Case 12 – Scott Peterson
* Case 1 - Adnan Syed: A High School Murder
* Case 2 - O.J. Simpson Murder Trial
* Case 3 - The Case of Steven Avery
* Case 4 - The Jinx: Robert Durst Case
* Case 5 - The Death of JonBenet Ramsey
* Case 6- Amanda Knox

**Roles (maximum of 4 people per group)**:

* Lead Detective - In charge of leading group discussions, presenting information to the class, assigning evidence to be evaluated, and narrowing down conclusions of the group.
* Writer - Responsible for drafting and finalizing main briefing that will be presented to the class.
* Researcher - Gathering credible sources, evaluating evidence, presenting facts/evidence to the group, distributing links/sources to the group.
* Lead Assistant - Can branch off with researchers, in charge of group if detective is absent, responsible for creating suspect chart.

**Tasks**:

* **Research**: (25 Points) Independently find ***5 sources*** that related and present information on the case. This can be documentary episodes, podcasts, case files, rulings, and news articles. Two of your sources must be in print from a reputable source. One of your sources must be from the actual case. List these sources on your chart and explain their importance to your case.
  + **Formatted correctly**
  + **Paragraph description of how the sources was used and what info that source provides. Do not expect to receive full credit for this part if you simply write a few sentences per source.**

* **Suspect Chart** (20 Points) **(NOT JUST A POSTER!!!)** - Create a chart that shows the victim(s), suspects, and people involved. You do not need to use pictures but this does need to appear neat and thorough.



* **Presentation**: (25 Points) Using Keynote/Google Slides/PowerPoint, etc… MUST include the following:
* Name of the Case
* Year of crime + conviction/closing date
* Why is this such a famous/well known case?
* General path of the case through the criminal justice system + Ruling (Outcome of the Case)
* Major Evidence: Please state if this was used in the case and how it impacted the case. You must also include one piece of missing evidence.
* Research Team Opinion: What is the overall conclusion of your research team? How would each of your group members voted in a jury situation?
* Predictions: Will we here about this case in the future? If so, how?
* **Documentary Trailer**: (25 Points)
  + 2-4 minutes
  + Provides a narration of the case
  + Professional sounding audio and video
  + Should provide a summary of the case
  + Should leave the viewer questioning the outcome of the case

**Checklist**

**Research (25)**

\_\_\_Formatted correctly (5)

\_\_\_A full and comprehensive paragraph for each of the 5 sources describing how it was used and its importance (20)

**Suspect Chart (25)**

\_\_\_Shows the victim, criminal, and possible suspects of the case (10)

\_\_\_Uses lines, connections between the individuals (5)

\_\_\_Thorough with Information (5)

\_\_\_Visually Appealing (5)

**Documentary Trailer (25)**

\_\_\_2-4 minutes (5)

\_\_\_Narration (5)

\_\_\_Provides a summary (5)

\_\_\_Professional looking and sounding (5)

\_\_\_Entertainment Value (5)

**Presentation (25)**

\_\_\_Correctly uses presentation software which is readable/looks good (5)

\_\_\_Includes required information found above (15)

\_\_\_Presenters DO NOT read off the slides. Explain the information in a confident manner, the presentation is practiced and done well (5)

**Legal Research Project Source Page**

**Group Members –**

**Sources**

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