

Officer Involved Shooting
Who, What, When, How and Most Importantly Why?
Research Paper and Criminal Case Preparation

Students must research and identify a case in which a Police Officer used deadly force against an individual.

With the case you choose, you will complete two major projects. **These will count as 2 UNIT Grades:**

The paper is due: February 11th, 2019. When complete, share it with me through google docs or email it to me.

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RESEARCH PAPER:

Write a “detailed” research paper that describes.

The background information on the officer, the department, the individual killed and any witnesses involved. Make sure all pertinent information such as the reason for the police interaction, previous interaction with the individual, the time of day, weather, visibility etc.

The details of the investigation into the shooting, including who conducted the investigation, what evidence was examined and what the results were (charges filed yes or no).

A detailed description of your opinion of the case. You must fully describe the facts that you have found that support your opinion. This should be at least 2 – 4 paragraphs.

A detailed description of how an incident such as this could be prevented in the future. Think outside the box and come up with suggestion to prevent this from happening again.

The paper must include:

- Title
- Student Name
- Period / Class
- Date
- Thesis Statement
- Introduction
- Body (at least 4 -6 paragraphs that support the thesis statement)
- Conclusion
- Reference Page (Cite all work and you must have at least 3 sources).

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CRIMINAL CASE FILE ASSIGNMENT:

This assignment is due February 15th 2019 and will count as a unit grade. When complete email it to me:

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You then must prepare a case file for the officer involved shooting case that you chose for your paper. Whether you believe the shooting was justified or not you must prepare a case. If you believe the shooting was justified, prepare the case file as if you were the officer's attorney. If you believe the shooting was not justified, prepare the case file as if you were the district attorney prosecuting the case. Your case file should include:

An opening statement that will be presented to the jurors at the beginning of the case. This should be at least 3-5 paragraphs and summarize the point(s) you want to make during the trial, the evidence you intend to present and what outcome you hope the jury decides.

A list of all evidence you intend to show the jurors.

- Scene Photographs
- Weapon(s)
- Training Records
- Other things (Be creative. Credit will be given to those students who put a lot of thought into the list)

A list of all witnesses you intend to put on the stand.

- Other Officers
- People with the deceased during the shooting
- Others: Be creative, think about prior citizens who have had interactions with the officer, their training instructors, Friends and Family of the deceased, etc. (Credit will be given to those students who put a lot of thought into the list)

Mr. Stowers will provide a folder for you case file and a sample for you to use as a guide.