

Teacher: Core Criminal Justice Year: 2013-14
 Course: Criminal Justice Month: All Months

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Essential Questions	Content	Skills	Assessments	Lessons	Reporting Category	Standards
Why study law? What is the purpose of law?	What is Law?	Define the term law Explain several reasons for having laws. Explain why the rule of law is important in a democratic society. List a number of laws that affect daily life in our society.	Interpret a law using the concept of legislative intent. Write a law.	9/30/2013 9/30/2013	Civics and Government	
How are laws made?	Lawmaking	Distinguish among the types of laws typically made at local, state, and federal levels of government. Identify two rules that judges follow when determining legislative intent (explain statute). Explain how the decisions of appellate courts can have the force of laws.	Discussion Analyze Statutes	9/30/2013 9/30/2013	Civics and Government	
What is the purpose of advocacy?	Advocacy	Describe the role of citizens in making laws.	Advocate for a Cause	9/30/2013	Civics and Government	5.2.A-Evaluate an individual's civic rights, responsibilities and

How can disputes be resolved outside of the court system?	Settling Disputes	<p>Define the term advocacy.</p> <p>Given specific public policy issues, identify groups of people who advocate for or against those policy proposals.</p> <p>List, describe, and distinguish among the three most common methods for settling disputes out of court.</p> <p>Analyze disputes in order to determine which method the parties should use to resolve conflict.</p> <p>Identify different steps to take to resolve a dispute through negotiation and through meditation.</p>	<p>Dispute Resolution Simulation</p> <p>9/30/2013</p>	Civics and Government	duties in various governments. 5.2.B-Evaluate citizens' participation in government and civic life.
How does the structure of the United States court system reinforce the Bill of Rights?	The Court System	<p>Describe the US court system.</p> <p>Discuss arguments for and against the adversarial system.</p> <p>Describe the roles of the major players in a trial.</p>	<p>Court System Diagram</p> <p>9/30/2013</p> <p>Quiz 9/30/2013</p>	Civics and Government	
What is the role of lawyers in the legal process?	Lawyers	<p>Discuss situations in which a person might consult an attorney.</p>	<p>Lawyer Ad</p> <p>9/30/2013</p> <p>Find a Lawyer</p>	Civics and Government	

Evaluate advertising by lawyers.
 Explain how to find & retain suitable legal counsel.
 Discuss lawyers' professional ethics.

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What is crime? What are the theories of crime management? What are the categories of crime? What are the different types of crime?	Nature of Crimes	Explain who determines what constitutes a crime and the goals for designating crimes. Interpret trends in the number of crimes reported, arrests made, and who are the victims of crime in the US. Compare various theories about the causes of crime. Evaluate methods of reducing crime.	Research Report 10/31/2013		Civics and Government	
What are the effects of crime on campus?	Crime on Campus	Describe the concerns regarding campus safety. Explain how the use of drugs and alcohol is related to crimes on campus. Identify the issues related to the	Research & Discuss Campus Crime 10/31/2013		Civics and Government	

<p>What are the effects of gangs on communities?</p>	<p>Gangs & Crime</p>	<p>adequacy of campus and local services that deal with students. Describe common characteristics of gangs, including their activities, initiation rituals & use of symbols. List several reasons why people join gangs. Identify successful strategies communities use to prevent gang membership and to reduce the incidence of criminal gang activity.</p>	<p>Video & Discussion 10/31/2013</p>	<p>Civics and Government</p>
<p>What is gun control?</p>	<p>Guns & the Law</p>	<p>Explain the meaning of the Second Amendment to the US Constitution. Describe how the US Supreme Court has interpreted gun-control laws in relation to the Second Amendment. Describe various state & federal laws that have been passed to regulate firearms.</p>	<p>Debate the Second Amendment 10/31/2013</p>	<p>Civics and Government</p>
<p>How does substance</p>	<p>Substance Abuse &</p>	<p>Describe the</p>	<p>Analyze Case</p>	<p>Civics and</p>

abuse lead to crime?	Crime	relationship between drugs & alcohol & crime. Describe the legal penalties of drug & alcohol abuse. Explain implied consent laws. Evaluate plans to deal with illicit drugs.	Studies 10/31/2013	Government
How does crime affect its victims?	Victims of Crime	Describe demographic patterns and trends in crime victimization. Describe methods used by victim assistance & advocacy groups to assist victims of crime. Explain the purpose of "Megan's Laws." Define the term restitution.	Victims' Rights Brochure 10/31/2013	Civics and Government
Why is crime underreported?	Preventing & Reporting Crime	List ways of preventing crime. State how to report a crime. Weigh alternative responses of people who are about to become victims of crime.	Poster 10/31/2013	Civics and Government

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What are the elements in a crime?	Introduction	Name 3 elements of a guilty state of mind. Describe the difference between motive & state of mind. Explain how a strict liability offense differs from other crimes. Describe the elements of a crime.	Video & discussion 11/30/2013 Case Studies 11/30/2013		Civics and Government	
How do state and federal criminal law differ?	State & Federal Crimes & Classes of Crimes	Give examples of crimes tried only in state & only in federal courts. Identify crimes that may be tried in either state of federal courts.	Venn Diagram 11/30/2013		Civics and Government	
How is criminal involvement determined?	Parties to Crimes & Crimes of Omission	Distinguish between a principal & accomplice in a crime. Distinguish between & give examples of an accessory before the fact and an accessory after the fact. Identify legal consequences for principal,	Case Studies 11/30/2013		Civics and Government	

What are preliminary crimes?	Preliminary Crimes	<p>accomplice, accessory before & accessory after the fact. Describe & give examples of crimes of omission.</p> <p>Explain the purpose or function of criminalizing certain behaviors that occur before a crime is committed. Describe the relationship between an overt act & a conviction for conspiracy. Develop a hypothesis to explain why it is illegal to fail to inform authorities about illegal activities.</p>	Class Discussion 11/30/2013		Civics and Government
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Crimes Against Persons

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What are the degrees of homicide?	Homicide	Differentiate between degrees of homicide. Cite examples of various degrees of homicide.	Video & Questions 12/31/2013 Levels of Homicide Diagram 12/31/2013		Civics and Government	
How can suicide be prevented?	Suicide	Describe the legal consequences for those who assist	Video 12/31/2013 Class Discussion 12/31/2013		Civics and Government	

		<p>someone else in committing suicide. Identify statistics that underscore why teen suicide is of serious concern. Identify resources that are available to people who feel suicidal.</p>		
What are the elements of kidnapping?	Kidnapping	<p>Explain various degrees of kidnapping. Explain how the charges relating to kidnapping change if the abductor brings a person across state lines.</p>	Case Studies 12/31/2013	Civics and Government
What is assault?	Assault & Battery	<p>Describe the significance of actual injury in the crimes of assault & battery. Show how differing degrees of seriousness are reflected in legal classifications of types of assault & battery.</p>	Class Discussion 12/31/2013	Civics and Government
<p>Why is rape difficult to prosecute? What are the effects of rape on the victim?</p>	Rape	<p>Distinguish between forcible rape & statutory rape. Explain the reason consent is not relevant in cases of</p>	Discussion 12/31/2013	Civics and Government

statutory rape.
 Explain the purpose
 of rape shield laws.
 Explain why victims
 of rape may be
 hesitant to report the
 crime.

Crimes Against Property

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What are the main motives behind arson?	Arson	Describe steps people can take to help reduce the incidence of property crimes. Identify two crimes related to arson.	Case Studies 12/31/2013		Civics and Government	
What are the consequences of theft?	Vandalism & Larceny	Identify types & consequences of vandalism. Identify two classes of larceny. Describe the relationship between larceny & keeping lost or misdelivered property.	Vandalism Discussion 12/31/2013		Civics and Government	
What is embezzlement?	Embezzlement & Robbery	Define & distinguish between the terms embezzlement & robbery. Give examples of embezzlement & robbery.	Video & Discussion Questions 12/31/2013		Civics and Government	
What are the effects	Extortion, Burglary,	Explain extortion,	Crime Prevention		Civics and	

of identity theft?	& Forgery	burglary, forgery, & uttering. List three threats that extortion laws generally cover. Explain the potential impact of identity theft on a person & the steps one can take to protect his or her identity.	Flyer 12/31/2013	Government
What are the legal consequences of theft?	Receiving Stolen Property & Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	Distinguish between joyriding & larceny. Describe the legal consequences of receiving stolen property. Describe the legal consequences of carjacking.	Discussion of Case Studies 12/31/2013	Civics and Government
How can people protect themselves from cybercrime?	Cybercrime	Describe various types of crimes that exist due to the development of computers & the Internet. Explain the actions that are illegal under the provisions of the US Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. State the requirements for public schools under	Current Event Article Analysis 12/31/2013	Civics and Government

the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000. Describe steps people can take to protect themselves from becoming the victims of cybercrime.

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Investigation

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What rights and protections are provided by the Fourth Amendment?	Introduction & Arrest	Describe Fourth Amendment rights. Describe the steps from crime to arrest. Explain probable cause. Describe the powers of police & the rights of the individual.	Online Simulation 1/31/2014		Civics and Government	
What are the procedures required for searching a person's property?	Search & Seizure	Explain the exclusionary rule. Describe how a search warrant is obtained & what it must specify. Describe the notion of "reasonable expectation of privacy." Discuss situations when searches are considered reasonable and may	Research & Class Discussion 1/31/2014		Civics and Government	

What is the purpose of Miranda rights?	Interrogations & Confessions	<p>be conducted without a warrant.</p> <p>Identify rights of an individual being interrogated.</p> <p>Explain the legal principle upon which the protection against self-incrimination is based.</p> <p>Discuss situations in which a confession is inadmissible.</p> <p>Describe the effects of the Miranda court case.</p>	Research & Case Studies 1/31/2014		Civics and Government
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Proceedings Before Trial

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What is the purpose of booking?	Booking & Initial Appearance	<p>Identify circumstances during preliminary proceedings that may result in no trial.</p> <p>List steps involved in booking a person.</p> <p>Identify four things that may occur at an initial appearance in court.</p>	Speaker Reflection 1/31/2014		Civics and Government
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Defenses

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What are the common defenses used in a trial?	No crime has been committed Defendant did not commit the crime The act was excusable or justifiable Defendant is not criminally responsible	State what a prosecutor must prove for a conviction to occur in a criminal case. Identify what a defendant is not required to do in a criminal case. Describe how a defendant may establish reasonable doubt that he/she did not commit a crime. Discuss reasonable force. Analyze the insanity defense.	Defense Analysis 2/28/2014	Civics and Government
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Trial

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What rights does a defendant possess in the US legal system? How are juries chosen for trials? What are the options for appeals? What are the steps of a trial? Who are the main participants in a trial? What role does each participant fulfill within the	Right to trial by jury. Jury selection process Witness rights and responsibilities Defendant rights and responsibilities Criminal appeals Trial format	Summarize the rights to which people accused of crimes are entitled. Identify circumstances in which a jury trial is not required. Describe jury selection rights and requirements. Explain the phenomenon of jury nullification. Identify and explain	Mock Trial 2/28/2014		Civics and Government	

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Sentencing & Corrections

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<p>What are sentencing options after a defendant has been found guilty?</p> <p>What are the purposes of punishment and rehabilitation?</p> <p>What rights are given to or withheld from criminal offenders?</p> <p>What is the process and purpose of parole?</p>	<p>Sentencing options</p> <p>Jail versus prison</p> <p>Purposes of punishment and parole</p> <p>Capital punishment</p> <p>Corrections, rehabilitation, and reentry</p>	<p>List and explain eight sentencing options judges may exercise.</p> <p>Describe factors that affect sentencing decisions.</p> <p>Evaluate mandatory minimum sentences.</p> <p>Describe four theories regarding the purposes of punishment.</p> <p>List and evaluate the factors that determine whether parole will be granted to a convicted person.</p> <p>Describe how views of prisoners' rights have evolved.</p> <p>Explain how reentry programs work to reduce recidivism.</p>	<p>Video 3/31/2014</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation 3/31/2014</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation 3/31/2014</p> <p>Debate 3/31/2014</p>		Civics and Government	

Juvenile Justice

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<p>What factors contribute to juvenile crime?</p> <p>How does the</p>	<p>History of the juvenile court system</p> <p>Status offenses</p> <p>Parental responsibility laws</p>	<p>Explain how the philosophy of <i>parens patriae</i> influences the way juveniles are treated in juvenile</p>			Civics and Government	

<p>juvenile justice system differ from that of the mainstream criminal justice system?</p> <p>How have sentences for violent juvenile offenders changed over the past 10-15 years?</p> <p>How does juvenile crime adversely impact the juvenile & society at large?</p> <p>How does juvenile crime adversely impact offenders later in life?</p>	<p>Life sentences for juveniles</p> <p>Juvenile court records</p>	<p>courts.</p> <p>Describe steps taken to protect children who are found to be abused or neglected.</p> <p>Identify the types of charges that fall within the category of status offenses.</p> <p>Compare and contrast rights to which adults and juveniles accused of crimes are entitled.</p> <p>Describe the types and purposes of diversion programs for youthful offenders.</p> <p>Explain the philosophy or restorative justice.</p> <p>Describe how having a juvenile record can affect an individual after reaching adulthood.</p>
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What is the difference between civil law & criminal law?					Civics and Government	
How can a person not						

be criminally responsible, but still be held liable for harming someone?

What are the different types of torts?

Who can be sued in civil court?

What are the different types of intentional torts?

What is negligence?

How can negligence be proven?

What is strict liability?

What are the differences between negligence & strict liability?

Consumer Law

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What are the elements of a contract?					Civics and Government	

What are some different types of contracts?

How do you know if you or someone else is in breach of contract?

What are the elements of an illegal contract?

Family Law

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