

THE CASE

Young Writers invites you into the thrilling world of crime and mystery writing with Unsolved...

There are 8 fantastic story starters to kick-start your gripping mini saga (a story told in just 100 words!)

Whose point of view will you choose to write from?

The Suspect?

The Victim?

A Juror?

A forensic scientist?

A witness?

Will you choose to solve the crime, or leave the reader shrouded in mystery?

Whether you enjoy a good old mystery, want to make sure justice is served, explore forensics or imagine a death-bed confession, Unsolved helps you plan and write a mini saga, engage with creative writing and create original ideas!

Check out the video that introduces the activity to you in just a minute: (add you tube link)

THE SCENE TOP TIPS

Suspect. Fugitive. Victim. Cop. Witness.
Pathologist. Judge. Reporter. Lawyer.
Accomplice. Perjurer. Bounty Hunter.
Juror. Accessory. Informant. Forensic
scientist... Ask students to work in
pairs to write opposing points of view
using the same story starter.

Discuss types of crime – think
outside the murder box! From
corruption, theft and framing
someone to trafficking, cybercrime
and miscarriages of justice, the
crime and mystery genre has lots
of ideas to explore.

Get your students inspired by
detective fiction – from Arthur Conan
Doyle and Agatha Christie to Carolyn
Keene, Eoin Colfer and Nancy Springer,
set students the challenge to read
and learn whodunit writing tips from
these literary masters!

THE FACTS

It's Easy To Take Part!

1. Your teacher will either
give you a worksheet to
write your mini saga on.



OR

a login link to your school's
Online Writing Portal where
you type your mini saga up.



2. Write your entry and your teacher will submit it!

Closing Date: Friday 12th February 2021

THE TERMS

Glossary

- Motive:** a reason for doing something
Suspect: a person thought to be guilty of a crime
Juror: a member of a jury
Jury: a group of 12 people chosen to give a verdict
on a case based on the evidence shown in court
Forensic: scientific methods and techniques used
in the investigation of crime
Culprit: a person who is responsible for a crime
Justice: the fair treatment of people based on laws

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THE STATEMENT

FOR STUDENTS

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