Unit 4 Study Guide: Making a Case & Reaching a Verdict

Chapters 2, 3, 4, 7

Test Date: Tuesday, Nov. 25th

You will TURN IN this Study Guide & your Vocabulary Log on the day of the test. Both are graded assignments.

Vocabulary: Complete a Vocabulary Log entry for each term:

- Miranda rights
- good cop-bad cop approach
- Reid technique
- loss of control
- social isolation
- certainty of guilt
- exculpatory scenarios
- liar’s stereotype
- polygraph
- false positive
- forensic identification
- trace evidence
- source attribution
- inclusion
- individuation
- excluded
- DNA
- friction ridges
- latent prints
- CSI effect

Big Ideas: Write a complete response for each of the following:

- Who were the Central Park Five? Explain why their case is an excellent case study for interrogation and confession.

- Explain which of the 4 foundational strategies of the Reid technique were used by New York City police when interrogating the Central Park Five?

- What is your opinion of the way in which the Central Park Five were interrogated?

- What could have been done differently to change the outcome of this case for the Central Park Five?

- Why do innocent suspects sometimes confess to crimes they did not commit?
- Explain what a microexpression is and how it can alert you when someone is lying. (Paul Ekman)

- In your opinion, how reliable is a polygraph as an investigation technique?

- Are polygraphs admissible (allowed) in court? Explain why/why not.

- What are the three different types of fingerprint ridge patterns?

- What are latent fingerprints and what are the methods by which they can be collected and revealed?

- Is DNA a better form of forensic evidence than fingerprints? Explain why/why not.

- Should fingerprint evidence be admissible (allowed) in court? Explain why/why not.

- Who are Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton? Explain why Jennifer’s case is an excellent case study for eyewitness testimony.

- Explain how human memory differs from a video recording.

- Should eyewitness testimony be admissible (allowed) in court? Explain why/why not.