**CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS: RESEARCH**

Choose one of the crimes that we have learned about so far. This crime is:

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Go online and find a news article within the last 10 years which describes a court case in which that crime has occurred in the United States and which tells about the result of the trial involving the case (specifically, if the defendant was guilty and what the punishment turned out to be).

The title of the article is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The url or website address of the article is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part A. Answer the questions below about this case.**

1) What date did the crime occur?

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2) In what state, county, and city was the crime committed?

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3) Who was charged with this crime?

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4) Who (if anyone) was the victim of this crime?

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5) In a sentence or two, summarize what happened that resulted in a crime being committed.

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6) Was there a reason given as to why the accused may have committed the crime? What was it?

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7) Were there other crimes committed at the same time as the one that you have chosen? If so, which ones?

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8) Does the article describe what happened to the accused criminal? Were they found innocent or guilty? Does the article mention their punishment (if found guilty), or what the potential punishment could be? If it does not, what should the punishment be for that crime? (You can actually look this up on the Internet. Search on Google for the crime and the state in which it took place.)

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9) Do you think that this punishment was fair? Should it have been harsher? More lenient? Why?

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**Part B. PowerPoint.** Put your research into visual form! Create a short PowerPoint of at least three slides that describes the case that you just researched. Include one slide for the crime, one slide for the details about the case, and one slide for the punishment received by the criminal. You may include more slides, if you choose. Include at least one visual per slide (please keep this appropriate for school).