

Putting a Research Project Together



One Piece at a Time

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"Defining Forensic Science" is a content card heading that will later go on an outline

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Subject: With continued advancement of technology, forensic science continues to evolve and become crime's worst enemy.

The outline's subject is your thesis statement

I. Defining forensic science

Heading from content/information cards

A. The process of looking at various sciences to solve crimes (Jones 20)

B. Forensic really means "legal," but "forensics" has come to be known as the science of solving crimes (Forensic Science)

Citations from source and content cards that will go into research paper

II. Examples of forensic science

A. Examining the residue from a gun (Potter)

B. Looking at DNA samples from a suspect (Potter)

C. Using a computer to re-create the scene of a crime (Jones 72)

III. Recent uses of forensic science

A. The computer is playing new roles

1. predicting what might happen next

2. comparing DNA strands

Since notes 1 and 2 in the third heading are so closely related to note A, they are numbered, instead of lettered

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Forensic Science is Putting Crime Under the Microscope

A scientist stares into a computer screen, watching how a car might have crashed, based on forensic evidence taken from a crime scene. This information may help detectives solve a vehicular homicide. **With continued advancement of technology, forensic science continues to evolve and is becoming crime's worst enemy.**

Defining Forensic Science

The word forensic can be defined in many ways. In terms of law, forensic science is defined as, various sciences to solve crimes (Jones 20). Forensics really means legal. With it being used more and more to help police, forensics has become know as the science of solving crimes (Forensic Science).

Examples of Forensic Science

Forensic science has evolved so that now it uses many methods. For example, examining the residue left behind from gun power is one method forensic experts use to see who fired a gun (Potter).

Works Cited

"Forensic Science." World Book. 5th. 2007.

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Bantam Books, 2007.

Potter, David. *Forensic Science Today*. May 2008. 2 January 2008.
<http://www.basic-forensics.org/>.

The name or title of each Works Cited entry matches the in-text citations on the research paper

Works Cited entries should be copied in alphabetical order from source cards

Based on the information below,
create a proper source card

Source: a book -- your third source

Publisher: Warner Books

Publishing place: New York

Author: John Q. Public

Publishing year: 2005

Title: *When Life As We Know It Changed*

Public, John Q.. When Life As We Know It
Changed. New York: Warner Books, 2005.