

Comm Skills Virtual Learning

Legal Communications I & II Forensic Science

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Lesson: May 13, 2020

Objective/Learning Target: Students will examine the role of forensic science in criminal procedure.

Bell Ringer/Let's Get Started

Think of your favorite crime shows of television. What are some of the ways that the police collect evidence? List as many as you can think of and explain how the evidence is tested.

Lesson/Activity

Let's start with an overview of forensic science. As you <u>watch</u>, take notes so that you can

- Explain Locard's exchange principle
- Major events/developments in forensic science
- Major milestones/advancements in forensic science
- Explain what forensic scientists do

Lesson/Activity

Next, we will take a tour of a lab.

Answer these questions:

- 1. How many pieces of evidence do they house?
- 2. What kinds of evidence do they store?
- 3. What is the procedure for tracking the evidence?
- 4. How do they test gunshots?

Practice

Review this <u>timeline</u>.

In your opinion, what is the most significant milestone in the history of forensic science?

Create your own timeline poster of the major events in the history of forensics.

Additional Resources

Boston Crime Lab Tour

Forensics Science Timeline

Interview with Criminalist