

Murder!

Materials: Copy the clues provided on the attached page and cut them into separate strips of paper (or write each clue on a separate index card) and place them in an envelope. You will need one set of clues for each group.



Directions:

1. Break your class into teams of four or five.
2. Read to the class the following story.
3. Once the activity is over and teams have come up with answers, debrief.

Story: A murder has been committed! The task of the Homicide Squad is to find the murderer, the time of the murder, the place of the murder, the murder weapon, and the motive for the crime. Use group consensus techniques to solve this crime.

All of the members of the Homicide Squad have uncovered some information about the crime. Homicide Squad members may read their clues and discuss them with other team detectives. However, they may not exchange clues or allow another detective to read their clues. Detectives may not hand their clue to another person and allow that person to read it.

Your Homicide Squad may organize in any way you wish. Remember that all of the detectives in your squad have crime-solving experiences and clues to help solve this crime. When your Homicide Squad thinks it has solved the crime (or when the time allotted is up), record your answers and submit them to the head of the Homicide Squad (your career specialist)!

Debrief

- How well did your team do?
- Did the restrictions cause friction or frustration among the squad members?
- Do you think some of the experiences you had in solving the crime are similar to experiences you will have in the working world?
- Did “attitudes” help or hinder in solving this problem?
- Did team members show initiative, dependability, enthusiasm, loyalty?
- If you had it to do over, what would you change in your approach to solving this crime?
- As you begin your working life, will you have to work with other people--both those with more and less experience than you have?
- Will you have co-workers who are not as willing to share their experiences with you?
- Will you have timelines that must be met?
- Will you have to adjust to people who are different from you? Think differently? Organize their work differently?
- What are some of the ways you can learn to work with people from various backgrounds?

Answer: After receiving a superficial gunshot wound from Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley went to Mr. Scott's apartment where he was killed by Mr. Scott with a knife at 12:30 am because Mr. Scott was in love with Mr. Kelley's wife.

Clues for Murder! Exercise

When he was discovered dead, Mr. Kelley had a bullet hole in his thigh and a knife wound in his back.

The elevator operator reported to police that he saw Mr. Kelley at 12:15 a.m.

Mr. Kelley had been dead for one hour when his body was found according to the medical expert working with the police.

A knife with Mr. Kelley's blood on it was found in Miss Smith's yard.

Mr. Kelley had destroyed Mr. Jones' business by stealing all his customers.

The elevator operator said that Mr. Kelley's wife often left with Mr. Scott.

Only one bullet had been fired from Mr. Jones' gun.

The elevator man went off duty as 12: 30 am.

Miss Smith saw Mr. Kelley go to Mr. Jones' apartment at 11:55 pm.

Mr. Jones had told Mr. Kelley that he was going to kill him.

Mr. Kelley's blood stains were found in Mr. Scott's car.

Mr. Jones shot at an intruder in this apartment building at 12:00 midnight.

The bullet taken from Mr. Kelley's thigh matched the gun owned by Mr. Jones.

When the elevator man saw Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kelley was bleeding slightly, but he did not seem too badly hurt.

The knife found in Miss Smith's yard had Mr. Scott's fingerprints on it.

The elevator man saw Mr. Kelley's wife go to Mr. Scott's room at 11:30 pm.

Mr. Kelley's body was found at 1:30 am.

The elevator man saw Mr. Kelley go to Mr. Scott's room as 12:25 am.

The condition of Mr. Kelley's body indicated it had been dragged a long way.

The police found that Mr. Jones disappeared after the murder.

Miss Smith said that nobody left the apartment building between 12:25 and 12:45 am.

Mr. Kelley's blood stains were found on the carpet outside Mr. Jones' apartment.