



**Year 11 Transition  
Criminology  
Workbook**

# Amanda Knox Documentary Project

Watch this hour-long BBC documentary and complete the workbook as best you can. We will use this information in class during Criminology unit 1 so keep it in a safe place when complete.

Any research you can do before you start the course will be advantageous.



1. Who is Amanda Knox and what was she convicted of?
2. What was the outcome of the investigation?

The suspects:



Why is she a suspect?

What evidence is there against Amanda?



Why is he a suspect?

What evidence is there against Rafaele?



Why is he a suspect?

What evidence is there against Rudy?

The evidence:

What pieces of evidence were found at the house where Meredith was staying?

How did the evidence become contaminated by the authorities?

How did the police try to elicit confessions from all of the suspects?

Media coverage: How are the media reporting on the story? Analyse each cover.



How can media coverage influence a potential jury and public interest in a crime?

How are the two women presented differently by the press?



Amanda Knox	Meredith Kercher

Can there be a fair trial if there has been so much media coverage?  
What impact may this have on the defendants?

*Knox and Sollecito were held in prison. Their trial began on 16 January 2009 before Judge Giancarlo Massei, Deputy Judge Beatrice Cristiani, and six lay judges at the Court of Perugia. The charges were that Knox, Sollecito, and Guede had murdered Kercher in her bedroom. Knox and Sollecito both pleaded not guilty. They were sentenced to 26 years for Knox and 25 for Sollecito.*

Impact of verdict on Knox	Impact of verdict on Sollecito

*On 27 March 2015, Italy's highest court, the Court of Cassation, ruled that Knox and Sollecito were innocent of murder, thereby definitively ending the case. Rather than merely declaring that there were errors in the earlier court cases or that there was insufficient evidence to convict, the court ruled that Knox and Sollecito had not committed the murder and were innocent of those charges, but it upheld Knox's conviction for slandering Patrick Lumumba.*

Do you believe this was the right outcome? Why or why not?