Student Study Guide
“Juvenile Justice”

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*Essay will be a separate grade

TOTAL POINTS: ___/100

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Essential Question

If a teen commits a crime, would justice be served if he/she were punished like an adult who commits the same crime?

Your initial thoughts:
## Anticipation Chart

"Juvenile Justice"

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<th>Before Reading</th>
<th>The author’s claim—article title/citation</th>
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**New Concept:**

| JUSTICE |

**Example Sentence:** Families of the victims of Sept. 11, 2001 may still be seeking **justice** for the death of their loved ones.

**Related words:**

- *just*
- *injustice* (antonym)
- *justify*

**Definition:**

**Essential Characteristics:**

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**Examples:**

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**Non-Examples:**

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**My Sentence:**
Quick Vocabulary List

**DIRECTIONS:** Look up each vocabulary word in the dictionary and write down its meaning. Then, write a sentence or draw a picture that demonstrates your knowledge of the word.

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<th>Key Points of the Meaning</th>
<th>Sentence / Image / Picture</th>
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Making Predictions and Asking Questions

DIRECTIONS: For each article you read, complete these questions on notebook paper:

Before reading:
1. Based on the article’s title, what do you think the article is going to discuss?

2. What do you think is the purpose of this text?

3. Who do you think is the intended audience of this piece? How do you know this?

4. Based on the title and other features of the text, what information/ideas might this essay present?

During/After reading:
1. What overall opinion on the topic of juvenile crime and justice does the article take on?

2. Turn the title into a question to answer as you read the essay.
Chart of Defendants’ Crimes and Sentences
PBS Frontline: Juvenile Justice

**DIRECTIONS:**
Read the backgrounds of four teens who committed serious crimes at the following website:
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/juvenile/

- Fill in the blank columns.
- Highlight or take notes on the text where the arguments are made for and against punishing juvenile like adults

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# Chart of Defendants’ Crimes and Sentences

*PBS Frontline: When Kids Get Life*

**DIRECTIONS:**
Watch stories of teens who committed serious crimes and were sentenced to life in prison at the following website: [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/whenkidsgetlife/view/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/whenkidsgetlife/view/)

- Fill in the blank columns.
- Take notes in the last box about your developing feelings towards how justice is being served/not served with these young men.

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DIRECTIONS: Find and highlight the following words in the article. Then, near the word, write down its definition (above, below, or in the margin of the text).

**dazed:** unable to think clearly

**immaturity:** not being grown up

**quizzical:** questioning

**verdicts:** legal decisions

**impulsive:** without thinking about results

**erratic:** irregular

**abstract concepts:** ideas that are not concrete or specific

**massive:** large

**purged:** gotten rid of

**violent passions:** very strong emotions

**rash:** done without thinking

**vastly:** enormously

**diminished:** reduced

**maelstrom:** whirlpool

**accountability:** responsibility

**startling:** surprising

**drastic:** extreme
Interpretation and Reflection Questions

*Startling Finds on Teenage Brain* by Paul Thompson

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer each of the interpretation questions in full and complete sentences. Make sure to address all parts of the question in your answer.

**Logical Appeal:**
1. What are Thompson's major claims and assertions? Do you agree with his claims?
2. Are any of his claims weak or unsupported? Which one and why?

**Ethical Appeal:**
1. Does Thompson seem deceptive? Why or why not?
2. Can you tell what Thompson's point of view is?

**Emotional Appeal**
1. Does this article affect you emotionally? What parts?
2. Do you think Thompson is trying to manipulate your emotions? In what ways? At what point?
Interpretation and Reflection Questions
Juveniles Tried as Adults Up 170% by Raul Hernandez

DIRECTIONS: Answer each of the interpretation questions in full and complete sentences. Make sure to address all parts of the question in your answer.

Logical Appeal:
1. What major claims and assertions does Hernandez write about? Do you agree with his claims?

2. Are any of his claims weak or unsupported? Which one and why?

Ethical Appeal:
1. What moral or ethical issues does Hernandez address in his article?

2. Hernandez is a staff writer for the Ventura County Star who frequently writes about legal and criminal issues. Does he seem trustworthy to write about this topic? Why or why not?

Emotional Appeal:
1. Does this article affect you emotionally? What parts?

2. Do you think Hernandez is trying to manipulate your emotions? In what ways? At what point?
Interpretation and Reflection Questions

Juvenile Crime Statistics
Dept. Of Justice- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

1. According to chart 1, what crimes/offenses did adult arrests decline more than juveniles between 1994-2003?

2. What year(s) had the highest number of arrests for murder among juvenile offenders? How many arrests (Chart 2)?

   What year had the least? How many arrests?

3. According to charts 3 and 4, what criminal offense has the highest number of juvenile offenders?

4. Write a statement that summarizes the analysis of data of juvenile arrests for crimes committed from 1994-2003 (chart 4):

5. How could those who are in favor or sentencing juveniles to adults consequences use one or more data tables to support their argument?

6. How could those against adult sentencing of juvenile offenders use one or more data tables to support their argument?