

# CAUSES OF CRIME



## GREED

In April 2015 four elderly men stole £200 million worth of jewellery from safety deposit boxes in Hatton Garden, London. The thieves gained access by drilling an underground tunnel.



## POVERTY

In May 2015 Paul and Kerry Barker were charged with theft after rummaging in a Tesco bin for out of date products. The charges were later dropped.

## HATE



These are crimes that target a person because of their race, religion sexuality etc. In Feb 2019, a Jewish cemetery vandalised, the Nazi symbol was spray painted on many of the graves.

## MENTAL ILLNESS



In Oct 2013 Phillip Simelane stabbed Christina Edkins to death on a bus as part of his suffering from paranoid schizophrenia.



## UPBRINGING

Nicky Cruz was physically abused by his father and grew up to be a member of a violent gang.



## ADDICTION

In March 2018 Ant McPartlin went into rehab for drug and alcohol addiction after he was found guilty of causing a car accident whilst drunk.

## OPPOSING AN UNJUST LAW

Nelson Mandela broke many laws in South Africa such as burning the identity pass he was required to carry because he was black – white people did not have to carry one.



# Y9 - Crime

## Keywords

Deterrence	Putting someone off doing something – 1 aim of punishment
Reform	Trying to change someone's life, another aim of punishment
Retribution	The final aim of punishment – giving a sense of justice
Forgiveness	Moving on from feelings of anger when someone has hurt you.
Capital Punishment	The death penalty

# Forgiveness

Anthony Walker was a young man who was killed in a racist attack in Liverpool in 2005. Anthony's Mum and sister have come out in public to say they forgive his killers. Anthony's Mum said "Do I forgive them? At the point of death Jesus said 'I forgive them because they don't know what they did'."

"I've got to forgive them. I still forgive them. My family and I still stand by what we believe: forgiveness. 'It's been real hard going, but I feel justice has been done. I'm sure they will get the maximum sentence.'"

Yes	No
Some offenders are very young and can't be held responsible e.g. Jamie Bulger killers?	Some people commit unforgivable crimes e.g. mass murder
It may help the victim/their family to move on	Forgiving someone doesn't change what happened – they still hurt you.
We would expect forgiveness if we do something wrong so we should forgive others	

# Aims of Punishment

	RETRIBUTION	REFORM	DETERRENT
<b>What is it?</b>	Getting even, eg if someone has taken a life (murder) they deserve to have their life taken away.	Focuses on helping the offender change their life so that they stop committing crime.	To put others off committing crime, also to put the offender off from doing it again.
<b>Strength</b>	Can make victims feel better.	Addresses the reasons why someone commits a crime – if we can fix this then they shouldn't need to reoffend.	Should stop crime before it happens.
<b>Weakness</b>	Does doing the same back to the offender not make us just as bad?	Offenders have to want to change for this to work – not all do.  Victims can be left feeling as though criminals have 'gotten off easy'.	Does not always work – everyone knows that if you commit a crime you could be sent to prison but many people still commit crimes.

# Is Prison Effective?

Prison is good	Prison is bad
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deterrent – not a nice environment</li> <li>Courses to hopefully help with reforming criminals</li> <li>Harsh punishments e.g. solitary confinement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life of crime continues inside, harder to reform</li> <li>Violence and harsh punishments may just reinforce the idea it's okay to be violent</li> <li>Sentences don't always reflect the crime</li> </ul>

# Capital Punishment

REASONS FOR	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If someone takes away a life, they should have their life taken from them.</li> <li>It can act as a deterrent, putting people off committing serious crimes.</li> <li><b>The Principle of Utility</b> states that an action is right if it brings happiness to the greatest number of people. Capital punishment protects society and brings satisfaction to victims' families, so it could be argued to be right under this principle.</li> </ul>
	Timothy Evans was wrongly executed for the murder of his daughter.
	Myra Hindley was sentenced to life imprisonment and was told she would never be released. She spent 36 years in prison before she died of heart disease – would it have been better to execute her?
CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES	
IN FAVOUR	<p>In the Bible it says 'Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth'.</p> <p>This means that if somebody has murdered someone, they deserve to lose their life.</p>
AGAINST	<p>In the Bible it says 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'.</p> <p>This means that capital punishment is not acceptable as it does not show forgiveness.</p>