



# Step Up to Law A Level

## **Booklet 2**

Week	Topic(s)	Expected Time
4-5	Sentencing (theories of punishment) Sentencing (suitability of punishments)	4-5 hours total
6	Murder – Defence of Loss of Control	2 hours

## **4. Sentencing**



The aim of this session is to explore the different ways of **disposing** of criminal cases. You will need to understand the theories of punishment first, but then you will understand the importance of **out of court disposals** as a more recent method and process of dealing with sentencing. It is important to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of different types of sentencing and punishment.

Use the link below to read through pages 1-2 only.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zvs3d2p/revision/1>

**Task 1: Develop your own definitions for these 5 theories of punishment;**

- **Deterrence**
- **Reformation**
- **Protection**
- **Retribution**
- **Reparation**

**Task 2: Find appropriate examples** of sentences/punishments that are examples of the above theories of punishments

- **Deterrence**
- **Reformation**
- **Protection**
- **Retribution**
- **Reparation**

**5. Sentencing – debate it**



Read through the articles below.

<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/criminal-bar-warns-of-disturbing-rise-in-informal-police-sanctions/5104364.article>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/05/23/controversial-community-resolution-orders-increasingly-used/>

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/17709901.pros-cons-police-using-court-disposals/>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/crime-justice-system-criminal-record-low-new-prosecution-england-wales-statistics-a9202506.html>

**Task:**

**'There is no substitute for imprisonment. It ensures that those who commit crime are punished and it also acts as a deterrent.' Discuss.**

Arguments in favour of the statement	Arguments against the statement

**6. Murder or Provoked?**



The law on murder is not so clear cut, allowing for someone to claim one of two possible defences, now known as **loss of control**.

Watch the clip below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5Hvp6JKEd0>

Then read the article.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47724697>

**Task: Formulate your response by considering the following points**

Thinking points:

- Do you think it was right for women like Ahluwalia to be convicted for murder?
- Why would people say that the law then was actually failing women like Ahluwalia?
- Do you agree, that murder can never be justified?
- Can it be argued that there is never a justification for murder?