



Solving the Mystery: Research Template

After choosing your mystery, answer the following questions. Remember, if the question is in the form of a response frame, you must copy the provided parts of the sentence and then fill in the blanks.

Part 1: First Impressions

- 1) I chose this mystery because _____.

- 2) If a detective were researching this case, what three words might be drawn on their chalkboard?

- 3) Would this mystery make for an interesting movie? Why or why not?

- 4) I think this mystery has gone unsolved because _____.

- 5) What three pieces of evidence will be important in solving this mystery?

- 6) This mystery reminds me of _____.

AFTER COMPLETING THE BACKSIDE OF THIS HANDOUT, CREATE YOUR OWN THEORY AND WRITE IT BELOW

Part 2: Research

Now that you've gotten to know your mystery a little better, use the internet to discover the following facts that are known. Follow the same instructions as before, but this time, whenever you use an online source to find the answer, record the URL in the below. If you use a printed source, write the name of the book or encyclopedia, as well as the author. **If you use a source for more than one answer, simply write the box # that contains the URL or book title you used. Do not waste time writing the same URL or book title over and over.**

7) This mystery took place in _____ in the year _____.

Source for #7

8) The people most important in this mystery are _____.

Source for #8

9) Summarize the events that took place leading to this mystery in a single sentence.

Source for #9

10) One possible theory is that _____.

Source for #10

11) Another theory is that _____.

Source for #7