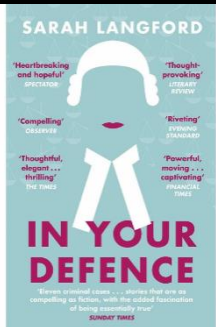


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Summer Independent Study : A-Level Law

Task A



Sarah Langford: In Your Defence

Langford is a practising defence barrister who wrote this book to highlight some of the key issues within the law that she saw. It is very readable and uses 11 cases to illustrate different issues within the law. Each chapter begins with the 'story' of the case and then switches to the legal case and her role and perception of the legal issues within it. Use [this link](#) to access the chapter. There is also a copy in PA5 should you wish to sign it out and read more.

For now, you are going to read **Case 1: Dominic (Appendix 1)**.

Particulars of the first offence (and charges) where the barrister represented Dominic (facts - what happened):	Prior Offending history:
What concerns did Langford have about representing him in the Magistrates Court?	View of the police:
What was the judgement of the court on the first offence and why?	<i>Critical Response:</i> how far do you agree with Langford on the outcome for this first offence?

Particulars of the last offence (facts - what happened) where the barrister represented Dominic:	What issues surrounding sentencing and remand are raised in this section?
What sentence was handed down to Dominic for this first case and why did that cause issues for both Sarah and Dominic?	



Task B

The Courage of Our Convictions: Appeals

The Secret Barrister is a blogger and practicing Criminal law Barrister. Now a successful author as well, he started by collating a number of blog issues into a book: *Stories of the Law and How It's Broken*. It's a great read and very hard hitting – it touches on a lot of what we do in your A-level topic 'English Legal System'.

You are going to read **Chapter 11 (Appendix 2)**. Use [this link](#) to access the chapter. This chapter focuses on appeals, their operation and the consequences of winning an appeal (it's not all cheers and happiness!) You need to complete the grid in as much detail as you can.

Impact of prison on offender and their family:	What does he think of the current appeals system and why?
Do you think he is right to say that to most people the Court of Appeal is "everything"?	Case Study: Victor Nealon

	<p>Impact of maintaining innocence on sentence:</p> <p>Facts:</p> <p>Charge:</p>
<p>Key facts and figures on appeals in the Court of Appeal (including leave):</p>	<p>Grounds of appeals and outcomes:</p> <p>Outcomes of appeals:</p> <p>Issues with compensation:</p>
<p>Bridgewater Four: What issues with the operation of appeals are brought out by this case and the enquiries?</p>	<p>What happens to the Defendant after a successful appeal?</p>

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TASK	INSTRUCTIONS
<p data-bbox="161 658 363 696">Organisation</p> 	<p data-bbox="432 629 1487 734">In readiness to start your law A-level, you will need to obtain a lever arch file and dividers together with an A4 lined note book. Have a writing pen and highlighters in your pencil case.</p> <p data-bbox="432 741 1270 779">You will also need the A-level law text book – see further below.</p> <p data-bbox="432 786 1106 824">All other material required will be provided for you.</p>
<p data-bbox="140 1032 352 1070">Summer Task</p> 	<p data-bbox="432 1021 1477 1126">Your law homework over the summer is to choose ONE of the two tasks (A or B) to complete over the summer and explore some of the key ideas and aspects of law that underpin what we will be looking at during the next couple of years.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1133 1026 1171">The tasks and reading materials are attached.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1178 1406 1283">You should write up your answers using full sentences / paragraphs where appropriate. You can reformat your answers and need not use the table provided, if you wish.</p>
<p data-bbox="177 1413 336 1451">Text Book</p> 	<p data-bbox="432 1413 1477 1597">It is essential that you obtain the text book for Year 1 of A-level law. This is still the 2017 copy which can be purchased from sources such as the Hodder Education website (www.hoddereducation.co.uk) or Amazon and currently costs between £24.00 to £27.99 depending on supplier. The front cover of the text book looks like the picture opposite. ISBN number 978-1-5104-0164-8.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1603 1254 1641">Ideally, you will have this book ready for the start of the course.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1648 1469 1753">If there is a sensitive financial issue regarding this purchase, please email me (CMilne@georgeabbot.surrey.sch.uk) or contact your tutor/head of year so that assistance can be provided.</p>

Further Activities

Reading.....

Students often ask what they can read or do beyond the summer homework. There is no mandatory requirement, however, for those interested in pursuing law as a career, it is never too early to start making yourselves aware of current legal cases that interest you by reading **reports on legal issues in the news and in other publications**. There are dedicated law sections in broad sheet papers but also, under 'law' on BBC online. TV and radio news covers law daily. Familiarity with current high profile cases / new laws being introduced is expected of all lawyers and as you develop an understanding of different aspects of law-making and legal rules, you will benefit from seeing these 'in action' around you.

Listening....

There are some excellent **legal podcasts** available on radio, for example The Law Show. This is a series of podcasts which deliver a legal magazine style program review, discussion and interviews on a range of legal topics. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tgy1>

Another Radio 5 Live series which is available on Podcast is 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt'. This is an excellent program which covers different cases, for example the murder of Kathleen Petersen by her husband Michael Petersen.

Watching....

If you prefer **television**, again there are some interesting and informative catch up programmes available – all you need to do is go on the websites, enter 'law' in the search bar and choose! An example you might choose is [Watch Chris Packham: Is It Time to Break the Law? | Stream free on Channel 4](#) in which the presenter explores the ethics of breaking the law in order to protest about environmental matters.

Another example is 'The Prosecutors' – a 3-part series covering two interesting criminal cases featuring the Crown Prosecution Service (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072wyvj/the-prosecutors-real-crime-and-punishment-3-the-trial>). There are many more to choose from.

Ideally, you should focus on English law cases in order to avoid becoming muddled when we study law together – different countries have different legal systems and use different terminology.

Link to Subject Specification

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/law/specifications/AQA-7162-SP-2017.PDF>

The subject specification is produced by the exam board (in law, this is AQA) and sets out the subject content you will cover and be expected to learn for your A-level exams. You may wish to access it and print a copy for your file. However, a student friendly version will also be provided on the school SLE which you can access in September.