

Eyewitness Basics

Name _____

1. What is testimonial evidence?

Testimonial evidence includes oral or written _____ given to police as well as _____ in court by people who witnessed an event. Eyewitness accounts can be a useful tool in helping investigators with analyzing _____, but are not viewed to be highly _____. In addition, eyewitness identifications (right or wrong) can have a big influence on the outcome of an _____ or trial.

2. Memory Challenge

After the time is up, write down as many of the items as you can remember.

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

3. What factors affect a person's memory and their ability to identify a suspect?

Witness Factors: _____

Crime Scene & Suspect Factors: _____

4. Crime Scene Challenge

After the time is up, write the answer for each question in the space below.

1. _____

6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____

5. Facial Composites

Investigators work with sketch _____ and eyewitnesses to create facial composites, or sketches of a person's _____. Today many police departments are using facial reconstruction _____ to help them with this task.

The composite may be used _____ to assist officers in identifying the suspect or used _____ through local media (radio, TV, and newspaper) to solicit leads from citizens.

_____ – A software program that offers many options to help you recreate a person's facial features.