Explore *Criminal* Podcast

This podcast series looks critically at individual criminal events within our legal system. It asks questions about the issues to inform and prompt audiences to consider their own opinions on the subject.

What Is a Podcast?

As the fastest growing type of media, podcasts provide endless hours of entertainment and education on a wide range of topics. Like radio shows, podcasts are a way to learn more about subjects, events, or stories in an audio format. There are many ways to listen to podcasts, and they are usually free. You can use any browser on your computer to listen to podcasts, or you can use a tablet or smartphone.

Prepare to Listen

While listening to a podcast, it's important to practice active listening. Try to find a quiet place where you won't be interrupted. Ensure you have paper and a writing utensil before you begin, so you can take notes on important details that you hear. You may find it helpful to doodle in between taking notes, so you can better focus on the words of the podcast and not become distracted. It is important to listen to the podcast at least once all the way through. Afterward, you may want to go back and hunt for information you didn't write down earlier.

Listen to the Podcast

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Analyze the Podcast

After listening to the episode, consider the opposing positions about keeping exotic animals as pets. Review any notes you've taken. Then, add any details you may have forgotten to write down. If needed, listen to the episode a second time for more information. Use your notes to fill out the graphic organizer on the last page of this activity. List both the pros and cons to each side of the debate.

Form an Opinion

Next, answer the following questions.

1. Do you think this podcast adds value to the conversation topic? Explain.

2. After considering both sides of this debate, which side would you take and why? Explain your reasoning using the items from your pro/con list.

3. Was there any information you learned in this podcast that helped you form your opinion? If so, what was it? If not, why did you choose your position?

4. Did listening to this episode make you more likely to listen to another? Why or why not?

5. How likely are you to listen to a different podcast in the future? Explain why.

Issue

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