Hello! Hope you are continuing to be healthy and safe.

If you have Ms. Asano for your Read 180 class please add her on your remind app by texting @lasano to 81010. Ms. Asano’s google classroom code is 4dbcpxe. Dr. Hall’s information will be sent out at a later date.

Directions:

Complete three (3) 20 minute sessions online on the Read180 or System44 student application for a total of 60 minutes.

-OR-

Read the attached passage and complete three (3) of the following assignments on a separate sheet of paper.

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<td>Write an objective summary of the text using the 5Ws strategy. Your summary should be at least __ sentences long. Check your writing for correct capitalization and punctuation.</td>
<td>3 important information from text 2-identify 2 new things you have learned from the text 1- question you have</td>
<td>Choose 4 challenging or interesting words from the text. Look up the definitions and write it down, then use the word in an original sentence.</td>
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<td>Answer the questions with the reading passage.</td>
<td>Write a creative story using the information that you have learned from the text. Be sure to include important details from the original text. i.e. How you would have felt if you were found guilty for a crime that you did not commit.</td>
<td>Write 4 original questions regarding the passage. Write down the answers to the question to demonstrate your knowledge.</td>
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A Second Look at the Evidence

The fifth and sixth amendments guarantee Americans the right to a fair, legal, and speedy trial. But a fair, legal, and speedy trial doesn’t always guarantee that the right person is found guilty.

by Anna Prokos

Stephan Cowans was convicted of attempted murder. Had the police found the right man?

Jailed!

On May 30, 1997, Sergeant Gregory Gallagher was on patrol in Roxbury, Massachusetts. In the backyard of a house, a man jumped him. They wrestled, and the attacker grabbed the policeman’s gun. He shot Gallagher twice. He also shot at an eyewitness who was watching from a nearby window.

The attacker ran from the scene, leaving only a baseball cap behind. He broke into a nearby home. For a minute, he held the residents hostage. He demanded a drink of water. He took off his sweatshirt and put down the gun. After he drank his water, he left the home and disappeared.

Two weeks later, Gallagher identified Cowans from a set of eight photographs. Police arrested Cowans. They thought they had enough evidence to charge him with attempted murder. Both Gallagher and the witness from the window picked Cowans out of a lineup. The final piece of evidence was a fingerprint. Police found it on the water glass used by the attacker. Experts claimed that the print matched Cowans’s left thumb.

In court, the evidence seemed strong. On June 30, 1998, a jury found Cowans guilty.

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Holes in the Case

7 From inside his jail cell, Cowans was determined to prove his innocence. He got in touch with the Innocence Project. Lawyers at the project work with prisoners who claim they are innocent. Eventually, Cowans’s case landed on the desk of Robert N. Feldman from the New England Innocence Project.

8 Feldman’s team of lawyers looked at his case. They found several holes. First, not all witnesses identified Cowans as the attacker. The people in the house Cowans entered got the best look at him. They failed to pick him out of a lineup.

9 Second, the items left behind at the crime scene were never tested. Police relied on two eyewitnesses and a single fingerprint. Eyewitnesses often make mistakes, especially when identifying people who are racially different than themselves. Cowans is black. Gallagher and the man in the window were white. The fingerprint, too, may have been unreliable. It was only a partial print.

10 Feldman and his staff decided to take the case.

11 The lawyer had two questions to answer. Did the attacker leave any DNA evidence at the scene? If so, did it match Cowans?

12 Feldman got the court to release the evidence from the case. He asked for the glass mug, the fingerprint, the sweatshirt, the gun, and the baseball cap.

No Match

13 The court didn’t release the evidence immediately. By the time they did, it was May 2003. Cowans had been in jail for nearly six years.
A Second Look at the Evidence (Continued)

14 But DNA evidence doesn’t spoil easily. Scientists at the lab found evidence on the inside of the baseball hat. They also swabbed the glass for saliva. Both samples produced enough DNA to test. Scientists then created a DNA profile from each sample. They also processed a sample of saliva from Cowans.

15 Now it was time to compare the fingerprints. Scientists lined up the profiles. The DNA profiles from the cap and the glass were the same. But they did not match Cowans’s DNA profile.

16 To make sure, the court had the white sweatshirt tested. The DNA from it matched the DNA from the cap and glass exactly. But none of the samples matched Cowans’s DNA profile.

17 The lawyers had proved what they suspected all along. Cowans could not have shot Gallagher.

18 On January 23, Stephan Cowans walked out of prison to join his family. “I don’t think there are any words in the dictionary to describe what that’s like,” he said.

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A Second Look at the Evidence

Close Reading

1. Key Idea

What is this text mostly about?

2. Central Idea and Details

How was Stephan Cowans set free? Identify two holes in the case that led to his release.
A Second Look at the Evidence (Continued)

3. Vocabulary

What is the meaning of found in the phrase “found Cowans guilty” in paragraph 6? How is it different from the meaning of the phrase “police found it” in paragraph 5?


4. React and Write

After his release, Stephan Cowans said, “I don’t think there are any words in the dictionary to describe what it’s like” to be free from prison. What precise words or phrases do you think come the closest to describing how Cowans felt after his release? Why?


