

Death Penalty on the Web

Directions: Answer as many questions as you can before you leave today. You must respond to a minimum of 5 questions.

	Question	Website(s) to help you find answer	Answer
JURY DUTY	Would you be chosen to serve on a jury deciding a death penalty case?	http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/courtroom/jury/question.htm	In your own words, explain the likelihood of your serving on the jury of a capital crime case.
STATS: NUMBERS, COSTS, and TIME Cont.	In general, how has the number of executions compared to the number of people sentenced to death? (How many people are told they are going to be killed, how many actually are?)	http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 17-18, Tables 14 and 15)	
	In 2008, how long did the average inmate wait to die while sitting on death row?	http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 14, Table 11)	About how many years is that? (To find out, divide the number of months by 12.)
	A. How much does it cost to execute a person? B. How does this compare to the cost of keeping a person in prison for life? Which is more cost-effective (cheaper)?	http://www.amnestyusa.org/death-penalty/death-penalty-facts/death-penalty-cost/page.do?id=1101084 or http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/costs-death-penalty#FromDPIC	A. B. C.
	As far as we know, how many people on death row have been exonerated (released) because they were actually innocent?	http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf (page 2 chart) or http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/innocence-list-those-freed-death-row	

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	<p>What observation can you make about death row inmates' level of education?</p>	<p>http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 8, Table 5 toward bottom)</p>	
STATES	<p>Which state executed the most inmates in 2008?</p> <p>Decide if you want to use actual number of people or "per capita" (ratio of deaths to the overall population of the state).</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/state-execution-rates or http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/states/compare/bystate.htm</p>	
	<p>A. Which state has executed the most inmates since 1930?</p> <p>Which state has executed the least?</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/state-execution-rates</p>	<p>A. B.</p>
	<p>A. How many juveniles have been executed in the United States?</p> <p>C. Are states still allowed to execute juveniles?</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/states/maps/death-exe.htm (look in the bottom left hand corner and click on "Juvenile.")</p>	
	<p>How many states do NOT have the death penalty?</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf or http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/states/maps/death-exe.htm</p>	
	<p>A. Which part of the country (region) has executed the most people?</p> <p>Which executes the least?</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf (Page 3, "Execution by Region") Or http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/number-executions-state-and-region-1976</p>	<p>A. B.</p>

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MISSOURI	Identify the convict most recently executed in the state of Missouri.	http://www.columbiaindependant.com/stories/2009/05/20/missouri-prepares-first-execution-2005/	Name: Crime(s): How was he executed? Why was he executed?
	B. Where does Missouri rank among the states in number of executions?	http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/number-executions-state-and-region-1976	
	B. What crime is punishable by death in the state of Missouri?	http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 3, Table 1)	
	Which methods of execution are used in Missouri?	http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/states/stats/missouri.htm or http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 5, Table 2)	
	B. How many inmates are currently on Missouri's Death Row?	http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/DRUSA_Winter_2010.pdf (Page 56, "MISSOURI")	
AGGREGATING FACTS	How many women are currently on Death Row in Missouri?	http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/state_by_state	

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<p>The death penalty is a punishment only for specific crimes. Which types of crimes can earn a death sentence? (Lump the crimes into categories, do not list every little distinguishing detail.)</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/crimes-punishable-death-penalty#BJS and/or http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/death-penalty-offenses-other-murder or http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (pages 3-4)</p>	
<p>Do you have to directly kill someone to be sentenced to death? Explain in your own words.</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/those-executed-who-did-not-directly-kill-victim</p>	
<p>Look over the aggravating factors for each state. Do you see any repeated from state to state? Or are there any factors that seem to be more common than others? If so, list three that you see over and over.</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/aggravating-factors-capital-punishment-state</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>List the different legal methods of execution used in the United States.</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/about/methods/content.s.htm or http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/death/methods.htm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

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	<p>What is the most common method for execution used in the United States in the past 31 years? (How have most inmates been executed?)</p>	<p>http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/cp08st.pdf (Page 19, Table 16) or http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/FactSheet.pdf (page 4) or http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/death/methods.htm</p>	
	<p>Choose one method of execution. Identify that method, and then tell three facts about how that method is legally applied in executions.</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/about/methods/content.s.htm or http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/death/methods.htm</p>	<p>Method of execution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
	<p>Watch the video at the bottom of the webpage. Tell me what you think about this behind the scenes look at lethal injection.</p>	<p>http://www.langleycrations.com/photo/deathpenalty/video.html</p>	
	<p>According to the examples annotated on this website, describe in your own words what the phrase “botched execution” means.</p>	<p>http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/some-examples-post-furman-botched-executions http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/notorious_murders/not_guilty/chair/6.html</p>	

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ANTI-DEATH PENALTY	<p>Look at any or all of these websites. Find three arguments that people who support the death penalty often use to push their cause.</p>	<p>http://www.prodeathpenalty.com/ or http://deathpenalty.procon.org/ or http://deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/about/arguments/contents.htm or http://www.jfa.net/ or http://www.gallup.com/poll/111931/americans-hold-firm-support-death-penalty.aspx</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
	<p>Look at any or all of these websites. Find three arguments that people who are against the death penalty often use to push their cause.</p>	<p>http://www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/factsheets/DeathPenaltyFacts.pdf or http://deathpenalty.procon.org/ or http://deathpenaltycurriculum.org/student/c/about/arguments/contents.htm or http://www.aclu.org/capital-punishment or http://www.ncadp.org/ or http://www.law.northwestern.edu/wrongfulconvictions/</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>
	<p>What do prisoner's last words reveal about them? Anything</p>	<p>http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/</p>	

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interesting?	photogallery/last_words.html	
When and where is the next execution scheduled to take place?	http://www.internationaljusticeproject.org/calendar.cfm	
Check out recent news regarding executions. Choose one execution to focus on. Answer the questions listed in the answer column.	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/execution/ or http://ccadp.org/missouri.htm	Who was executed? What was his/her crime(s)? Was this a federal or state crime? If a state crime, which state executed that person? If posted, were there any aggravating factors in the case? If so, what were they?