

Mystery

Detective on the Case

You've just landed a job as a detective! Now that the mystery in your book has been solved, your job is to file an official case report for your agency's records. You'll need to review the case and accurately fill in the information. Make the report look as official as you can by designing your own case report form. Be sure it includes the information listed below.

- 1 Find a mystery that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you. Have your book approved by your teacher.

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

- 2 At the top of your case report, write the name of your detective agency, the book title, and author. Then, write the location and the approximate time of the mystery (in other words, the setting).
- 3 Next, write a brief description of the mystery. What was the problem? What needed to be solved?
- 4 Look through the book to find clues that helped solve the mystery. Make a list of at least three of them. Beside each, write the information the clue revealed in the end.
- 5 Who was involved? Make a list of the main characters. Beside each character, note any suspicious behavior that occurred at any point in the story. Write whether any additional information was revealed about each character at the end of the story.
- 6 Finally, describe how the mystery was solved. If any detectives deserve special mention, explain why here.

Example
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CLUES R US	
Official Case Report	
Case:	Spider Kane and the Mystery Under the May-Apple by Mari Pope Osborne
Location:	The Cottage Garden and the Dark Swamp
Mystery:	Mimi has been kidnapped and Leon tries to find her.
Characters:	La Mère Leafwing - Leon's mother. She dislikes Mimi from the start. Leon Leafwing - A butterfly who tries to find Mimi. Mimi - A new butterfly in the garden with a secret past. Walter Dogtick - He used to be friends with La Mère. He was seen near Mimi's home carrying a large sack. Spider Kane - A clever detective. Emperor MATH - Ruler of the Dark Swamp, a criminal.
Clues:	Stolen crown, fork, and scarf - All were props used to trick Leon. Message scratched in dirt - Also used to trick Leon and make him think Emperor MATH kidnapped Mimi. Stage voice at campsite - This was the Hawk. They were discussing Leon.
Case Solved:	Mimi was not really kidnapped. They made up the whole story to test Leon's courage and see if he could join the Order of MATH. This is Spider Kane's group that helps other creatures in danger.
Detective's Name/Signature	December 12 Date

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Name: _____ Date: _____

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	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS EARNED
1) Was your book approved on time?	5	
2) Did you hand in your project on time?	10	
3) Did you describe the setting?	10	
4) Did you describe the mystery?	15	
5) Did you list and write about at least three clues?	15	
6) Did you list the characters and any suspicious behavior?	15	
7) Did you explain how the mystery was solved?	20	
8) Are the spelling, punctuation, and grammar correct?	10	

Comments: _____

