

# 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.