

## Knife crime resources - timeline

These resources were developed to discuss knife crime with parents and children in a family learning setting. They are equally suitable in an FE setting – prompting discussion between students and tutors.

The resources include

- Board game – two A3 sheets (available as a separate document).
- Cards for the board game. These can double up as snap cards (available as a separate document).
- Timeline exercise (see pages 2-6).

The material can be used to focus on knife crime but can also be useful as part of wider discussion about criminal behaviour.

The pictures are meant to stimulate discussion and the game is meant to provide scenarios which can be discussed too. Reading the cards and timelines involves aspects of basic literacy and they also include elements of numeracy. If needed, answers to the questions on the cards can be found using simple internet searching.

The timeline can be cut up and used as a re-ordering exercise and a discussion prompt.

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In 1669 King Louis XIV of France decreed all pointed knives on the street or used at the dinner table 'illegal' and he ordered all knife points made blunt - in order to reduce violence!



In Sheffield, in the north of England, by 1740 nearly 100 water driven mills were used to produce machines that made knives.

Knives were a basic tool used by most Anglo-Saxons. All free Anglo-Saxons would have carried a knife, although slaves may not have carried knives. The Anglo-Saxon period lasted from AD 650 - AD 1066.



Knives were first used as cutlery 500 years ago. Here is an example of a Tudor dinner set.



Victorinox, the Swiss company, made its first deliveries of pocket knives to the Swiss army in 1891. The Swiss army had just introduced a new rifle that needed a screw driver to be maintained, the knives delivered included one. The Swiss Army Knife was born.

In Spain the 'Albacete Knife Making Museum' was opened in 2004.



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In the 1930s, knife crime in the Glasgow area became so prevalent that Lord Carmont, the High Court judge, started imposing 12 year sentences for it.

In Osaka, Japan on June 8, 2001, Mamoru Takuma armed with a kitchen knife, burst into an elementary school slashing eight children to death and wounding 18 other children and three adults.



13<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - Omari Roberts, 23, is accused of knifing Tyler Juett, 17, and his 14-year-old friend after they broke into his mother's house in Nottingham. Juett later died.



22<sup>nd</sup> April 1993 - Stephen Lawrence stabbed while waiting for a bus in South London. His killers have never been brought to justice



August 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 - London Metropolitan Police commissions a video to tackle knife crime.



7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 - David Idowu, Britain's youngest victim of a knife stabbing, dies aged 14.

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15<sup>th</sup> March 44 BC - Julius Caesar was stabbed 23 times by a gang of around sixty conspirators.

21<sup>st</sup> February 1437 - James I of Scotland stabbed and killed after trying to escape a group of assassins through a sewer.



24<sup>th</sup> May 2008 - Rob Knox (Marcus Belby in Harry Potter) stabbed outside the Metro Bar in South-East London. He later died.

August 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 - Three people were stabbed in Beijing, China, while visiting the 13th-century Drum Tower in Beijing during the 2008 Summer Olympics including the father of two members of the USA Olympic squad.



1981 - The British Crime Survey begins, many knife crime statistics are acquired through this survey.

18<sup>th</sup> May 2006: Schoolboy Kiyon Prince, 15, is stabbed to death outside the London Academy in Edgware, north-west London. A promising footballer who played for Queens Park Rangers' youth team, Kiyon dies from a single stab wound to the chest.



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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2006: The body of 11-year-old Joe Geeling is found in a park in Bury, Greater Manchester, a day after he vanished on his way home from school. A post-mortem examination reveals Joe - who suffered from cystic fibrosis - died of multiple stab wounds.



12<sup>th</sup> May 2006: 21-year-old Carie Burns dies in hospital after she is allegedly stabbed twice with a samurai sword and then run over by a car after a house party in Blackhill, Consett, County Durham.



5<sup>th</sup> July 1975: Peter Sutcliffe 'The Yorkshire Ripper' committed his first Knife attack.

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1981: Peter Sutcliffe 'The Yorkshire Ripper' is arrested. He was convicted of murdering 13 women and attacking several others of which a knife was involved.



June 1961: William MacDonald, born in Liverpool, England. starts to terrorise Sydney, Australia with a string of gruesome knife murders.

September 1963: William Macdonald goes on trial accused of five murders.

8<sup>th</sup> February 1872 - Chief Secretary for Ireland and fourth Viceroy of India, Richard Bourke is killed by a stabbing while visiting a convict settlement in the Andaman Islands.



March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1932 - Walter Edward Morris 'Big Ed', a record breaking baseball player died after being stabbed in the chest during an argument at a Florida tavern.

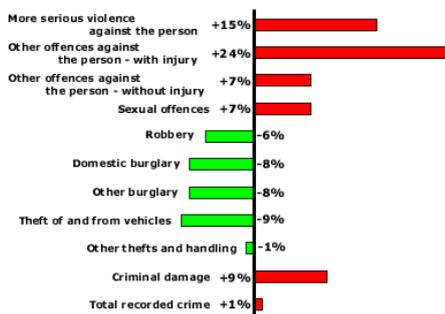
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November 28<sup>th</sup> 1969 - Betsy Ruth Aardsma an English student at Pennsylvania State University in the USA, was stabbed a single time through the heart with a single-edged knife, approximately 3.25 inches long. Her killer was never found and the tale of her murder is still told at the University on Halloween.



1950s - Teddy Boys, the original teen rebels, were notorious for their use of flick knives and switchblades.



29<sup>th</sup> December 2008 - Knife crime in Britain hits an all time high with a shocking 332 fatalities in a year.

1977 - England & Wales police begin keeping records of knife crime.

THE EVIDENCE			
Youth knife crime in London between April 1 and June 30, 2008			
	People aged under 18 proceeded against/accused	Victims of knife crime aged under 18	
White	60	222	
Mixed	18	11	
Black	124	61	
Asian	14	40	
Other minority ethnic group	6	11	
Not stated	3	292	
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>637</b>	



1888 - Jack the Ripper carries out a series of violent stabbings on women living around Whitechapel in London.