ANCHORS BAY PD — DETECTIVE CASE

MIDNIGHT BURGLARY

DESIGNED FOR
KS3 & KS4 Secondary

CASE OVERVIEW

Midnight Burglary is a secondary-level detective case set in the fictional coastal town of Anchors Bay. A late-night break-in triggers a staged investigation where students build a timeline, identify inconsistencies, and test competing explanations against the evidence. The case supports KS3 and KS4 literacy by strengthening inference, sequencing, source evaluation, and evidence-based writing. Reading becomes purposeful because every statement, log, and report helps students move from suspicion to proof.

HOW IT WORKS

1
Open the Stage
Release stage one in your portal and share the evidence with your class.

2
Read, Discuss, Complete
Students analyse documents, take notes, and justify conclusions in writing.

3
Unlock Next Stage
Release new evidence when ready. Each stage tightens the case.

PERFECT FOR

ENGLISH
KS3 & KS4 Literacy
A staged case file that strengthens inference, explanation, and evidence-based writing. Run it as a unit or as shorter lessons.

CROSS-CURRICULAR
PSHE, Ethics & Critical Thinking
Students practise separating claims from proof, assessing credibility, and making careful, defensible judgments.

LIBRARY
Reading for Pleasure (Teens)
A mystery format that hooks students who don't usually choose to read. Great for small groups and clubs.

ENRICHMENT
Clubs & Intervention
Designed for collaboration: students build case notes, test hypotheses, and practise structured reasoning.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Full Case File
Realistic documents and exhibits organised into stages for a structured investigation

Facilitator Guidance
Teacher notes plus task answers so you can guide discussion and keep momentum

Teaching Guidance
Structured activities targeting inference, sequencing, and evidence-based writing

Task Sheets
Printable sheets for annotation, case notes, and structured written responses

Extension Activities
Extra challenges for clubs, deeper projects, and higher-level reasoning tasks

Secure Portal Access
Everything organised online with stage-by-stage release controls

One-off purchase. No subscriptions.
Buy once, then run the case year after year. Use it with as many groups as you want, whenever it fits your timetable.

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