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# Kim Kardashian Calls to Review Menendez Brothers' Life Sentences

## Description

Kim Kardashian, a law school graduate and advocate for criminal justice, has urged California authorities to reconsider the life sentences given to Erik and Lyle Menendez. The brothers were convicted in 1996 of murdering their parents seven years prior. In a personal essay submitted to NBC, Kardashian described the Menendez brothers as "kind, intelligent, and honest men." She acknowledged that their actions were inexcusable but questioned the validity of their life sentences without the possibility of parole.

Kardashian highlighted the importance of considering the changes individuals undergo as they age, emphasizing that people evolve both physiologically and psychologically. The ongoing interest in the Menendez case has been reignited by the recent release of a true-crime drama and a documentary exploring the brothers' story.

The brothers have consistently maintained that they acted in self-defense, driven by a lifetime of abuse from their parents. Prosecutors in Los Angeles are now reviewing new evidence in the case, including a letter from Erik Menendez detailing his alleged sexual abuse by his father. The district attorney has indicated a willingness to reconsider the brothers' sentencing.

Kardashian's plea for justice stems from her belief that the brothers were unfairly condemned by a system quick to punish without understanding the full circumstances. She has spent time with Erik and Lyle, asserting that they are not the monsters portrayed by the media, but rather kind, intelligent, and honest individuals.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Advocate** /'æd.və.keɪt/ (noun): A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy.
2. **Inexcusable** /,ɪn.ɪk'skjʊ:.zə.bəl/ (adjective): Not able to be justified or explained.
3. **Physiologically** /,fɪz.i.ə'lɒdʒ.i.kəl.i/ (adverb): In a manner relating to the normal functions of living organisms.
4. **Reconsider** /,ri:.kən'sɪd.ər/ (verb): To think again about a decision or opinion.
5. **Condemned** /kən'dɛm.d/ (verb): To express a strong disapproval of; to sentence someone to a particular punishment.
6. **Evolve** /ɪ'vɒlv/ (verb): To develop gradually especially from a simple to a more complex form.

## Comprehension Questions



## Multiple Choice

1. What year were Erik and Lyle Menendez convicted of murdering their parents?  
Option: 1996  
Option: 2002  
Option: 1989  
Option: 2010
2. In what year did Kim Kardashian urge authorities to reconsider the Menendez brothers' life sentences?  
Option: 2021  
Option: 2015  
Option: 2005  
Option: 1996
3. What reason did Kim Kardashian give for questioning the Menendez brothers' life sentences?  
Option: Lack of parole possibility  
Option: Self-defense claim  
Option: Age-related changes  
Option: New evidence
4. What recent releases reignited interest in the Menendez case?  
Option: True-crime drama and documentary  
Option: Romantic comedy film  
Option: Historical documentary  
Option: Science fiction TV series
5. What reason did the Menendez brothers give for their actions?  
Option: Self-defense due to parental abuse  
Option: Anger issues  
Option: Financial gain  
Option: Mental illness
6. What evidence prompted prosecutors in Los Angeles to review the case?  
Option: Letter detailing sexual abuse  
Option: Video confession  
Option: Eyewitness account  
Option: Forensic evidence



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### True-False

7. Kim Kardashian is a medical doctor by profession.
8. The Menendez brothers were convicted of their parents' murder in 1983.
9. Prosecutors are not interested in reviewing new evidence in the Menendez case.
10. The Menendez brothers have admitted to committing the murders for financial gain.
11. Kim Kardashian spent time with Erik and Lyle Menendez to understand their perspective.
12. The district attorney in Los Angeles is unwilling to reconsider the brothers' sentencing.

### Gap-Fill

13. Kim Kardashian is a law school graduate and an advocate for \_\_\_\_\_ justice.
14. The Menendez brothers were convicted of murdering their parents \_\_\_\_\_ years before their trial.
15. Kim Kardashian described the Menendez brothers as kind, intelligent, and honest \_\_\_\_\_ in her essay.
16. The district attorney is considering reconsidering the brothers' life sentences without the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Kim Kardashian believes that the system unfairly condemned the Menendez brothers without fully understanding the \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Prosecutors in Los Angeles are reviewing new \_\_\_\_\_ in the Menendez case.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 1996 2. 2021 3. Lack of parole possibility 4. True-crime drama and documentary 5. Self-defense due to parental abuse



6. Letter detailing sexual abuse

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. criminal 14. seven 15. men 16. parole 17. circumstances 18. evidence

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which of the following is characterized by difficulties or challenges?

- Option: Legacy
- Option: Struggles
- Option: Tribute
- Option: Anticipated

2. What term refers to the results or effects of a particular action or situation?

- Option: Consequences
- Option: Demeanor
- Option: Artifacts
- Option: Commitment

3. Which word means firm and steady not changing?

- Option: Legacy
- Option: Unwavering
- Option: Hospitalized
- Option: Reception

4. What is the term for deep sorrow especially caused by someone's death?

- Option: Kindness
- Option: Legacy
- Option: Grief
- Option: Amassed

5. Which word pertains to something handed down from the past or a person's impact on future generations?

- Option: Evolve
- Option: Legacy
- Option: Tributes
- Option: Alternative

6. What term denotes an act statement or gift that is intended to show gratitude respect or admiration?

- Option: Projections



- Option: Tribute
- Option: Condemned
- Option: Alternative

7. Which term refers to the quality of being friendly generous and considerate?

- Option: Unwavering
- Option: Demeanor
- Option: Kindness
- Option: Advocate

8. What word describes an option or choice that is different from the usual or conventional one?

- Option: Struggles
- Option: Evolve
- Option: Alternative
- Option: Fondly

9. Which term means to develop or change gradually over time?

- Option: Evolve
- Option: Anticipated
- Option: Physiologically
- Option: Condemned

10. What term refers to giving special importance or attention to something?

- Option: Tributes
- Option: Emphasizing
- Option: Kindness
- Option: Reconsider

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Over the years he \_\_\_\_\_ a vast collection of rare art pieces.
12. After the accident the injured person was immediately \_\_\_\_\_ for treatment.
13. The new product received a positive \_\_\_\_\_ from the customers.
14. The movie release was highly \_\_\_\_\_ by fans of the series.
15. The novel depicted a bleak and \_\_\_\_\_ future society.
16. Success in any field requires dedication and \_\_\_\_\_ towards your goals.



17. The new workout regimen focused on both physical and \_\_\_\_\_ aspects of fitness.
18. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ by the magician's mesmerizing performance.
19. She remembered her childhood \_\_\_\_\_ and the adventures she had with her siblings.
20. He was a strong \_\_\_\_\_ for animal rights and actively worked towards their protection.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. His behavior towards his colleagues was unacceptable and .
22. The dictator's actions were widely criticized and .
23. Life is a continuous with its ups and downs.
24. The memorial service was filled with heartfelt to honor the deceased.
25. As technology continues to new advancements are constantly being made.
26. His philanthropic work left a lasting in the community.
27. Her dedication to her values was even in the face of adversity.
28. The family was engulfed in deep after the sudden loss of their loved one.
29. A person's includes the impact they have on others and the world.
30. The statue was erected as a to the fallen soldiers.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Struggles 2. Consequences 3. Unwavering 4. Grief 5. Legacy 6. Tribute 7. Kindness 8. Alternative 9. Evolve 10. Emphasizing

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Amassed 12. Hospitalized 13. Reception 14. Anticipated 15. Dystopian 16. Commitment 17. Physiologically 18. Captivated 19. Fondly 20. Advocate

**Matching sentence:** 1. Inexcusable 2. Condemned 3. Journey 4. Tributes 5. Evolve 6. Legacy 7. Unwavering 8. Grief 9. Legacy 10. Tribute



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