
Murder case breakthroughs explained: NPR

Description

Erik Menendez (left) is shown in 2016 and Lyle Menendez in 2018 in photos provided by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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Over 30 years have passed since the Menendez brothers' murder trials, yet the case persists in capturing public attention. The notorious trials unfolded in 1994 and were globally broadcast, marking a sensational chapter in criminal history.

Now, propelled by social media, Netflix, and celebrity influence such as Kim Kardashian, the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón declared a reassessment of the evidence, reigniting interest in the case.

Exploring a brief history of the Menendez brothers' conviction for their parents' murder in 1989, the text delves into the complex narrative of self-defense claims, abuse allegations, and the subsequent legal battles culminating in life sentences.

Lyle Menendez (second from left) and his brother, Erik are flanked by their attorneys Gerald Chaleff (left) and Robert Shapiro (right) in Beverly Hills Municipal Court in 1990.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Reassessment** /,ri:ə'ses.mənt/ (noun): The act of appraising or evaluating something again.
2. **Conviction** /kən'vɪkʃən/ (noun): A formal declaration that someone is guilty of a criminal offense.
3. **Allegation** /,æ.lɪ'geɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong typically made without proof.
4. **Sensational** /sɛn'seɪʃənəl/ (adjective): Intended to provoke public interest or excitement especially at the expense of accuracy.
5. **Culminating** /'kʌlmə,neɪtɪŋ/ (verb): Reaching a climax or point of highest development.
6. **Narrative** /'nær.ə.tɪv/ (noun): A spoken or written account of connected events; a story.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When did the Menendez brothers' murder trials take place?
Option: 1989
Option: 1990
Option: 1994
Option: 2000
2. What was the outcome of the Menendez brothers' legal battles?
Option: Acquitted
Option: Life sentences
Option: Probation
Option: Death penalty
3. Who initiated a reassessment of the Menendez case evidence?
Option: Kim Kardashian
Option: Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón
Option: Netflix
Option: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
4. What led to the resurgence of interest in the Menendez case?
Option: Social media, Netflix, and celebrity influence



- Option: International politics
- Option: Historical significance
- Option: Economic impact

5. In which year were the Menendez brothers convicted for their parents' murder?

- Option: 1985
- Option: 1987
- Option: 1989
- Option: 1991

6. Where were the Menendez brothers photographed in 2016 and 2018?

- Option: California State University
- Option: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Option: Beverly Hills
- Option: Los Angeles County Courthouse

True-False

7. The Menendez brothers were acquitted of their parents' murder.

8. Kim Kardashian played a role in reigniting interest in the Menendez case.

9. The Menendez case trials were broadcast globally.

10. The reassessment of evidence in the Menendez case was declared by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

11. The Menendez brothers claimed self-defense in their parents' murder.

12. The Menendez brothers were sentenced to probation.

Gap-Fill

13. The Menendez brothers were convicted for their parents' murder in _____.

14. The Los Angeles County District Attorney who declared a reassessment of evidence in the Menendez case is George _____.



15. One of the key factors in reigniting interest in the Menendez case was _____ influence.
16. The Menendez case trials unfolded in _____ and were globally broadcast.
17. The complex narrative of the Menendez case included allegations of _____.
18. The Menendez brothers were photographed in 2018 by the _____ Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1994 2. Life sentences 3. Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón 4. Social media, Netflix, and celebrity influence 5. 1989 6. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 1989 14. Gascón 15. celebrity 16. 1994 17. abuse 18. California

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term refers to a formal discussion on a specific topic?
- Option: Lingering
 - Option: Intercession
 - Option: Discourse
 - Option: Flirtatious
2. What medical treatment involves the use of drugs to destroy cancer cells?
- Option: Surgery
 - Option: Immerision
 - Option: Chemotherapy
 - Option: Receptionist
3. Which term signifies the obligation to accept responsibility for one's actions?
- Option: Toxic
 - Option: Contentious
 - Option: Accountability



Option: Emotional

4. Which term refers to the quality of being important or having meaning?

Option: Systemic

Option: Encourage

Option: Significance

Option: Allegation

5. What process involves taking another look at something for evaluation or judgment?

Option: Victim

Option: Reassessment

Option: Conviction

Option: Sensational

6. Which term describes the act of passing judgment or disapproval about someone or something?

Option: Flirtatious

Option: Criticism

Option: Compendium

Option: Immersion

7. Which term signifies something that is tempting or desirable for its allure?

Option: Surgery

Option: Tantalizing

Option: Narrative

Option: Allegation

8. Which term describes something that is related to an entire system?

Option: Intercession

Option: Systemic

Option: Culminating

Option: Immersion

9. Which term refers to a claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong or illegal typically without proof?

Option: Toxic

Option: Emotional

Option: Allegation

Option: Victim

10. Which term describes something harmful unpleasant or destructive?

Option: Treatment

Option: Culminating

Option: Toxic



Option: Accountability

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

11. _____ involves the act of intervening or mediating on behalf of someone in trouble or need.
12. A _____ is a story or account of events experiences or the like whether true or fictitious.
13. She had a(n) _____ reaction to the heartfelt letter tearing up with joy.
14. The concert was the _____ event of the year bringing together top artists from around the world.
15. His _____ behavior towards the waitress made his wife uncomfortable.
16. In a professional setting _____ is critical to maintaining trust and credibility.
17. The meeting became _____ as members argued over the proposed changes.
18. Language students often benefit from _____ in a culture where the language is spoken.
19. The attorney argued that his client was a _____ of circumstance not a willing participant.
20. The patient needed immediate _____ to remove the tumor and prevent further complications.

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

21. The historical artefact held great giving insight into ancient civilizations.



22. The company implemented a approach to address internal issues at all levels.
23. Living with a local family allowed for complete cultural transforming the study abroad experience.
24. Despite the apology there was a feeling of resentment among the team members.
25. The negative work environment created a atmosphere leading to high turnover.
26. She felt like a of the unfair treatment struggling to find justice.
27. The media reported the scandal but did not provide concrete evidence; it was merely an at that point.
28. The coach always sought to his players pushing them to achieve their fullest potential.
29. The book served as a of essays on various topics making it a valuable resource for students.
30. She faced harsh for her unconventional methods but she stood by her decisions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Discourse 2. Chemotherapy 3. Accountability 4. Significance 5. Reassessment 6. Criticism 7. Tantalizing 8. Systemic 9. Allegation 10. Toxic

Gap-Fill: 11. Intercession 12. Narrative 13. Emotional 14. Culminating 15. Flirtatious 16. Accountability 17. Contentious 18. Immersion 19. Victim 20. Surgery

Matching sentence: 1. Significance 2. Systemic 3. Immersion 4. Lingering 5. Toxic 6. Victim 7. Allegation 8. Encourage 9. Compendium 10. Criticism

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