

## The CSI Approach

To get started with the CSI Approach, follow these steps in constructing a cold case:

1. Identify a person or event with either local and national importance. If you can find one that has both that is awesome.
2. Develop a set of core questions, around the event or person, to be investigated.
3. Establish the ESP (Economic, Social, Political) of the person or event.
4. Select primary and secondary sources to serve as evidence.
5. Connect Essential Learnings to your case. [IN THIS CASE: WE ARE EXAMINING EARLY ASPECTS OF THE THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT]
6. Build your case by providing a descriptive Paragraph of the event (provide the ESP above.)
7. Create a case number with a significant date(s) related to the period you are studying.
8. Choose images that convey a sense of the person or events (ESP)
9. Determine opportunities to work in additional content through analysis and review.

### Cold Case #1865-1955



1] In August 1955, a fourteen-year-old African American teen whistled at a white woman in a grocery store in Money, Mississippi. Emmett Till, a teen from the Southside of Chicago, didn't understand that he had broken the unwritten laws of the Jim Crow South until three days later, when two white men dragged him from his bed in the dead of night, beat him brutally and then shot him in the head. Although his killers were arrested and charged with murder, they were both acquitted quickly by an all-white, all-male jury. Why were Till and thousands of other African Americans murdered by Southern white men from 1865-1955? How is it possible for all of these murders to go unpunished? What conditions existed in the American South that allowed this to happen? Did Till's murder spark the Civil Rights Movement nationwide?

Answer these 4 questions using at least 2 scholastic sources [1 Primary or Original Source]. Provide citations for the sources.

2] Now construct your own cold case as guided above using the historic landmark Supreme Court Case *Brown v. The Board of Education*, 1954, that includes at least 3-4 essential questions for a partner to answer.

