

## **Open your Class with This Tomorrow**

### Applying Social Psychology Phenomenon

**Directions:** Please respond to the following question. It is not enough to answer a question by merely listing facts. You should present a cogent argument based on your critical analysis of the question posed, using appropriate psychological terminology. Be sure to clearly connect the terms to the scenario below.

#### **Question**

A prosecutor is trying to solve the case of a brutal robbery that occurred in her jurisdiction. She has been investigating the case for several months, the information discovered so far has been vague. The prosecutor's intuition tells her that the murderer is a man with a previous record of theft known to have been in the area at the time of the crime. Thus far he has claimed that he is innocent and that he was blocks away when the crime occurred. Using this situation, explain how the following terms might relate to the scenario. You may respond either from the perspective of the prosecutor or the accused.

- Belief Perseverance
- Self-Fulfilling Prophecy
- Cognitive Dissonance
- Fundamental Attribution Error
- Confirmation Bias
- Stereotypes
- Self-Serving Bias