Wrongful Convictions

* pattern (p. 343 of textbook):
  + heinous, unsolved crime
  + unpopular or minority accused
  + inadequate defence
  + determined prosecution zealously seeking a conviction **to resolve community concern**
* police investigations characterized by ‘tunnel vision’
  + focus on obtaining/manipulating evidence to prove accused is guilty
  + that means they miss evidence that could lead them to the truth (i.e. either evidence that clears the accused, or evidence that leads them to the actual criminal)
* rarely the result of deliberate misbehaviour (exception: Dr. Charles Smith)
  + <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2009/12/07/f-charles-smith-goudge-inquiry.html>
  + <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHsJcnAq6Co&playnext=1&list=PLA877CD676E30B9D1>
* Steven Truscott

Other Cases

Donald Marshall Jr.

Simon Marshall

David Milgaard

Guy Paul Morin

1. In what way was the accused a ‘minority’ or ‘unpopular’?
2. Time:
   1. How long did it take for the accused to be arrested and/or charged from the time of the crime?
   2. How long was the trial?
   3. How long did it take for the jury to reach their verdict?
   4. How long did the accused spend in jail?
3. What types of evidence were overlooked, fabricated, or manipulated?
4. How much compensation did the accused get?

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2009/08/06/f-wrongfully-convicted.html