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There are many innocent people incarcerated in the United States, thereby tainting the performance of the system. Many people were convicted in the past based on circumstantial evidence such as accounts of eyewitnesses since there was no technology. The Innocence Project helps to exonerate people who have been wrongfully convicted through DNA tests. The project also helps to make reforms in the criminal justice system to prohibit similar injustices from occurring in the future. Founded in 1992 by Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck in 1992, the organization that operates in different parts of the country was formed to aid in ending wrongful convictions. Since 1986, there have been 1900 exonerations in the United States. The California innocence project was founded to train law students on how to meet the objectives of the organization. The students are trained on how to make reforms and to reopen cases after getting concrete evidence with the help of advanced technologies. More than 60 innocence projects around the country are working with the same goal of freeing innocent people. If the students find strong evidence that is supported by advanced technologies such as DNA and fingerprint identification, wrongfully convicted people stand a chance of being exonerated. The introduction of the DNA has transformed the system. Surveillance through CCTVs is also helpful in determining the innocence of people convicted of crimes they did not commit. Despite surveillance attracting a lot of criticism, it has been found to be helpful in exonerating people. The report gives the importance of the innocence project. By sealing loopholes in the criminal justice system, the innocence project seeks to correct wrongs and restore the lives of many who have wrongly treated.