# **Seminar in Corrections**

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## Then and Now Paper

View the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Pz3syET3DY&t=5s

This piece originally aired in 2014. Things can change rapidly in the Criminal Justice System. The point of this assignment is to see if the information presented in this video are still accurate. You will select **three** items presented in the video that are related to Corrections. Please answer the following questions for each of the facts you select:

- 1. State the items that you selected.
- 2. State why is this is important to research.
- 3. Answer if the information presented in this video from 2014 is still accurate. What are the similarities and differences in the items you selected?

### **Assignment Requirements:**

Respond to these statements in a 4-6 page double-spaced paper (feel free to make it longer but not shorter). Anything shorter than FOUR FULL pages will have a one letter grade penalty accessed. This paper should **not** be written in a question-answer format. Make sure you are responding to each of the statements reference above; however, do not restate the questions in your writing. I should be able find each of these items based on the content of what you write. Feel free to use headings, however, to note each item. This should be structured as an academic paper with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

The following items must also be met:

- Margins should be one inch and use a 12 pt font (Arial, Times New Roman, Georgia, and Calibri only).
- Submit the assignment with a separate cover page that contains your name, date, topic and the class title.
- Submit a separate reference sheet with any sources you used. You are required to have **six (6) empirical sources** for this paper. That should be at least two for each item you choose. Empirical sources refer to academic references. Those that qualify are books, research articles from peer-reviewed journals, governmental reports, etc. Newspaper articles, the dictionary, and Wikipedia do

not qualify as an academic resource. You can use these sources in your paper but they do not qualify as one of the sources you are required to have. If you are in doubt, email them to me. I will let you know if a source qualifies. Not meeting this minimum will result in a deduction. Students who show an ability to find multiple sources often receive the highest grades. You also must include in-text citations.

• You can have **one direct quote** in this paper but paraphrase otherwise (with proper in-text citations and reference page notation). One quote is equivalent to one sentence; not entire paragraphs. More than one direct quote will result in a deduction.

#### **Submission:**

• You will upload the paper to the dropbox on Blazeview. Remember, the assignment will be reviewed using TurnItIn. Make sure you do not plagiarize any part of paper (take the work, words, or an idea of someone else and pass it off as your own). See the syllabus for related penalties for academic dishonesty.

### **Writing Resources:**

 There are a number of writing resources available online. This includes a checklist for papers, a guide to writing college papers, and a guide to APA citations.