

Bonus Assignment – CRIJ 2365 (ONLINE) – Professor Butler

Due Date: 6/27/18 – 11:59pm

Format requirements: Microsoft Word Document - 12-point font Times New Roman – 1” margins – Single Space

Total Possible Points – Drops your lowest quiz or discussion forum grade with this assignment and replaces it with the grade you earn on the extra credit assignment (total possible 25 points). This bonus assignment does not drop both a quiz and discussion forum. It drops whichever has the lowest score.

Before going over the requirements for the bonus assignment, I want to remind everyone this is a bonus assignment. This assignment is not mandatory. Your grade is not affected if you decide to refrain from submitting a bonus assignment.

Please read the instructions carefully.

Instructions:

There are four articles available on blackboard under the section titled “Bonus Assignment.” These articles include:

1. Kreager, D. A., & Kruttschnitt, C. (2018). Inmate society in the era of mass incarceration. *Annual Review of Criminology*, 1, 1-23.
2. Leban, L., Cardwell, S. M., Copes, H., & Brezina, T. (2015). Adapting to prison life: A qualitative examination of the coping process among incarcerated offenders. *Justice Quarterly*, 1-28.
3. Haney, C. (2017). “Madness” and penal confinement: Some observations on mental illness and prison pain. *Punishment & Society*, 19(3), 310-326.
4. Marquart, J. W. (1986). Prison guards and the use of physical coercion as a mechanism of prisoner control. *Criminology*, 24(2), 347-366.

You will pick **two** articles to summarize for this bonus assignment. Each article summary needs to be formatted as follows:

- 1) Summarize the articles in Microsoft Word.
- 2) Attach the Microsoft Word Document to the “Extra Credit” discussion forum when you have completed your summaries. You do not need to provide any additional information in the discussion forum other than attaching the Word Document as requested.
- 3) Do not e-mail the summaries to Micaela or myself. Please simply provide a “Title” on the extra credit discussion forum and attach the Word Document as your post.
- 4) Plagiarism or the overuse of quotes to summarize the articles will result in a 0 for the extra credit assignment.
- 5) 12 point font
- 6) Times New Roman

- 7) 1" margins (top, left, right, bottom)
- 8) Single space
- 9) 2 pages total (**1 page** to summarize each article)

Article Summary Instructions

1. Students should begin describing what the author(s) is/are doing in the study. Is a program being evaluated? Is a criminological theory being tested? In other words, what is the primary purpose (there can be many) of the study? Generally, all of the necessary information for this introductory paragraph can be found in the introduction or theoretical framework (some authors call this a literature review) of the article.

2. Next, students should summarize the findings from the article. What did the authors find? There are several findings from each article, so please be sure to discuss the major findings.

3. What are the implications of the findings? This is usually found within the discussion/conclusion section of an article. In other words, how do the findings relate to what is being examined in the article? For example, researchers find that drug use is related to inmate misconduct. The implication then is that keeping drugs out of prisons can potentially reduce inmate misconducts. Administrators can keep drugs out of the prison by screening visitors and correctional officers.

4. How does the material in the article relate to what we learned in class? Every article connects to what we have already discussed or learned in class. Please connect this material to the class using your textbook. You should cite the textbook by providing me with a chapter and p. #. For example, administrators can reduce the likelihood drugs enter prison by screening and hiring officers who will not engage in boundary violations that jeopardize institutional security (Ch. #, p. #).

You should be able to complete the above requirements and summarize each article in one page per article for a total of 2 pages. Please keep in mind everything needs to be single space.

Failure to follow any of the instructions will result in a loss of possible points for the bonus assignment. Students will receive 0 credit if they do not summarize two articles. I will not accept any partial summaries.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.