Deviance/Crime and Punishment Claims

**All evidence and materials should relate to the Essential Question: Prove whether the justice system in the United States is effective in deterring deviant behavior.**

1. Choose a topic – check it with Mrs. Sales
2. Research a topic using the given libguide
3. Open the Claims/Evidence form.
   - Put an MLA heading on the page
   - ‘Save as’ Last name_SocHour_Claims
4. Complete the Claims/Evidence form. On the libguide, you will fill it in.
   - Decide on your thesis statement – should relate to the essential question.
5. Read/annotate 3 sources from the databases given on the libguide (Opposing Viewpoints, History in Context, Etc.)
   - Source #1 goes in the box labeled Claim #1, Source #2 goes in the box labeled Claim #2, Source #3 goes in the box labeled Claim #3
   - On the next page after your Claims/Evidence form you will need a Works Cited Page in MLA format.
6. Claim - Decide what each source is claiming (states your position on the issue)
   - A good claim is not obvious.
   - A good claim is not overly vague.
   - A good claim is logical; it emerges form a reasonable consideration of the evidence.
   - A good claim is debatable.
     - Example: The most plausible explanation for the recent increase in gambling as an acceptable pastime is the perceived stamp of approval by cultural institutions, such as state and local governments and organized religion.
7. Evidence - What evidence supports the claim? (Provide 3 main pieces in complete sentences under the evidence section of the claim.
   - Evidence or date that you cite should support your claim. It’s like a lawyer presenting evidence to a jury, you must support your claim with facts; an unsupported claim is merely an assertion.
   - Data could include:
     o Facts or statistics
     o Expert opinion: learned opinion, theory, and analysis that you should cite frequently, both to support your argument and to disagree with. Sources must be quoted or paraphrased and appropriately cited.
   - Examples:
     o Last year Minnesota spent $X million dollars promoting their state-run lottery through ads focusing on the contributions made to environmental funds.
     o Churches have used raffles, bingo and even card tournaments as fundraisers for years.

Final Instructions

WHEN COMPLETED, PRINT THE FINAL DOCUMENTS.
If your name is not on them, you will not get credit!
DATE DUE: END OF THE CLASS PERIOD FRIDAY OCTOBER 31
Topics to research as related to deviance, crime, and punishment
Mrs. Sales has the final say on your topic. You must see her before you may begin researching.

- Murder
- Homosexuality
- Rioting
- Suicide
- Wearing a tattoo
- Tax evasion
- Mental illness
- Breaking the speed limit (normal speeding, school zone, or construction zone)
- Gangs
- Drug addicts
- Political Corruption
- Live-in relationships
- Juvenile delinquency
- Vandalism
- Kidnapping
- Smoking
- Using performance enhancing drugs in athletics
- Curfews
- Loitering
- Runaways
- Illegal gambling
- Gender expectations: Shave your head if you are female / Wear ponytails if you are male
- Cheating
- Punk Rock
- Protest Movements
- Cyber crime
- Cheating in sports