

## **BOOK REPORT**

### **Extra Credit**

- Write a **six page** (minimum) paper, double spaced, traditional margins and a standard font, summarizing an American published book that has no less than 100 pages.
- The book can be on any subject in commercial print related to any topic in your textbook and the criminal justice system in general. **No Romance Novels or Text Books are permitted.**
- The book selected must be originally copyrighted from 2004 to the present. Any date prior will not be accepted.
- No student can use the same book. First submission means first choice. So if I get two submissions of the same book, I will look at the time it was sent or presented to me in person and notify the unsuccessful individual to pick another book. Additionally, I must agree to your choice before acceptance is granted.
- You must incorporate class lectures, texts, guest speakers (if applicable) notes and any other course related material into the body of your paper.
- Make sure to use footnotes and/or a bibliography when citing your sources. (**APA or MLA format**)
- Even though this is Extra Credit that does not mean **'hand in anything'**. If you want the extra credit to have any value toward your grade, do good work. Because a stellar paper means you will have the potential to receive a good overall grade.
- **Do Not Plagiarize.** Review the CSUS policy on plagiarism. It's easier to cite your sources, because if caught, you will receive a zero for this assignment and a failing grade for the entire course. So please choose wisely.
- **Book reports are due at the close of the semester in the classroom** (I will notify you of the exact date). Do not bother turning in any late assignment, unless something extremely catastrophic occurred and there is a note attached as well.
- As stated in the syllabus, turning in the extra credit paper may provide you an acceptable grade, but that does not mean it will be substituted for a midterm or final examination grade. There is no point scale on this paper, but doing well on it may be worth your while.
- Lastly, even if you choose a book intending to write a paper but later change your mind, you will not be penalized for failing to turn in the assignment.