

CCJ 1010 Criminology

Report Guidelines

1. Your topic will be one of the criminological theories discussed in class. The theories discussed in class fall into six categories:
 - a. Classical School
 - b. Biological School
 - c. Psychological School
 - d. Social Structure Approaches
 - e. Social Process Theories
 - f. Social Conflict Theories

From one of the six categories, choose one particular theory. For example, under Biological Theories, Patricia Jacobs posited a link to criminality in men who had an extra Y chromosome. Another example would be Robert Merton's theory of anomie and its contribution to criminal behavior under the category of social structure approaches.

In your paper, I want you to conduct an in-depth review of one particular theory. Start with discussing the background and development of the theory (specifically mention the person who postulated the theory) and then describe how the theory relates to crime causation. Specifically describe in detail the theory's weaknesses.

Lastly, as best you can, relate the theory to the recent spike in violent crime in the Orlando area and describe how the theory would apply to the current situation.

2. The paper will be three pages in length. Include a cover page and a reference page. All total, the paper should not exceed five pages (including cover and reference pages).
3. Margins will be no more than 1 inch on all sides. Use a 12 point font. Paper must be double-spaced.
4. Cite any sources used in your paper. You must include a citation page with your paper and you must cite at least three different sources. Your textbook would qualify as one source. Wikipedia cannot be used as one of the three sources. Remember to also cite your sources in the body of your work. Use an MLA or APA style for citing your sources.
5. Proof read your paper before you submit it to me. Have someone else read your paper. Also, read it out loud to ensure that your writing reads naturally and your ideas flow logically.