

CRJ 202 | Corrections

Media Analysis Assignment

What: Media analysis assignment – *this assignment will help you to prepare for the short answer questions on your midterm exam*

When: Due _____

How: Submit via BlackBoard

Word count: at minimum 600 – 750 words Document the **word count** at the top of your submission (Ex: Word Count = 625 words)

Points: 50

1. Select one published newspaper/media article that relates to **one of the following topic areas** that you find powerful and/or interesting:
 - a. **RIKERS ISLAND**
 - OR**
 - b. **SENTENCING DISPARITY** (*people of color who receive longer sentences than their white counterparts*)
 - OR**
 - c. **WRONGFUL CONVICTION**
2. *In an essay form*, explain why you chose this article and analyze the information conveyed and arguments made in the publication – use the questions listed below as your guide.
 - How does the author convey their ideas? For example, does the author present a personal story, narrative, or experience or rely on interviews of others with expertise in the topic area, research or evidence?
 - What questions are posed by the author?
 - Are the questions answered in the article?
 - What questions are left unanswered?
 - How would you respond to the presented questions?
 - What are some lessons you can take from their work for your own writing?
 - How does this article relate to material covered in our class discussions or your readings?
3. **Suggested sources:** New York Times, Washington Post, The Marshall Project (you can use other sources)
4. **Timeframe:** Media articles are limited to the years of **2015 to 2020**
5. **Excluded articles:** The report on Rikers, “A More Just NYC,” “This is Rikers [Marshall Project]”, any stories related to Kalief Browder or provided to you in class or on BlackBoard
6. **THIS IS IMPORTANT! Reference information:** Provide the reference info for your article in [APA citation format](#). *See the example format on the next page.*

Newspaper Article Reference Format

Note that the APA recommends using the homepage address for the online newspaper, rather than the full URL for the article itself.

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*. Retrieved from <https://www.homeaddress.com/>

Parker-Pope, T. (2008, May 6). Psychiatry handbook linked to drug industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://well.blogs.nytimes.com/>