Paper 1: See Calendar for Due Date

I. Topic and Sources: Discuss an element of the “Introduction” to Incarceration Nations: effects on race, children, drugs, or crime levels versus incarceration levels. To support your discussion, choose one of the four articles we have read and discussed, and go online and find another article of your own which addresses the same element that you have chosen. (This can be accomplished with a simple Google search; you will learn and use more advanced and academic searches for papers two and three.) Things to consider as you develop your paper are how the sources may agree or disagree, reasons for your chosen issue's existence, and possible solutions to the problem (if any).

II. Format: The paper should be in Times New Roman, 12 point.
   a. Your last name and page number should be in the right corner of the header.
      i. All other information should be in the body area of the page.
   b. You should have a centered title and all paragraphs should indent the first line
      i. Turn off the space-after-paragraph.
   c. No I, me, my, mine, you, your, or yours

III. Length: The paper should be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum 750.
   a. Include the word count after the last line of your text.

IV. Citation: You must properly introduce, quote from, and cite all sources used in your text.
   a. The majority of your text—about 75%—should be your words, ideas, and analysis. Quotes and source references are there to help you to prove your point. Over-reliance on other sources weakens your paper and heads you toward plagiarism.
      i. Plagiarism will result in an F. Extensive plagiarizing (like 60% or more) will get a zero (since you weren't really doing any work beyond copying and pasting).
   b. Include a works cited page starting on the next page after your text. If your essay's last word is at the top of page 4, your works cited page will begin at the top of page 5.
      i. The works cited page should be part of the regular pagination of your paper.
      ii. The works cited page is not counted toward your final word count.