

Lutheran College Washington Semester 2012

Violence and Values Course

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Class Time: Wednesdays 6pm

Class Meetings: 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29

Evaluation of Students Work:

Position papers	25%
Class Participation/Attendance	25%
Debates	25%
Research Paper	25%
Total	100%

Grading Scale:

100-99	A+
98-94	A
93-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-84	B
83-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-74	C
73-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-64	D

63-60 D-

59 or Below F

For your position papers:

You will do four (4) position papers that will come from the topics in the Debating Points book. I would prefer that you pick that side that you really don't believe as this makes for a better debate/argument. This paper should be 4-5 pages in length and must include outside sources to defend the position that you are taking. Please cite accordingly and use either APA or MLA style. Below are the chapters you are required to do for this paper.

1. Should the Death Penalty be Abolished?
2. Are Prisons the Best Way to Deal With Criminals?
3. Are Some People Born Criminals?
4. Do We Need More Gun Control Laws?

For the Debates I will give you the topic that you and your group members will prepare for the following week. You will include outside sources as references for this debate and everyone must participate, which does not mean I agree with what someone said or just saying yes. In other words everyone in the group must contribute to the debate. You may also bring in visual aids or other things to make your point.

Research Paper:

This must be 10-12 pages in length, typed, and double spaced. You may use either APA or MLA style, again which ever style you are most familiar with. This is due the last class meeting which is February 29, 2012. The topic has to do with a topic that addresses violence and values. If you are unsure of a subject you can discuss your ideas with me.

Class meetings:

January

18<sup>th</sup> Introductions and overview

25<sup>th</sup> Discussion: Violent Crime as a Serious Problem?

February

1<sup>st</sup> Debate: School violence threatens American youth vs. School violence is a decreasing problem.

8<sup>th</sup> First position paper is due tonight; also the debate on domestic violence is a serious problem vs. the problem of domestic violence is exaggerated.

15<sup>th</sup> Second position paper is due tonight. The next debate will be on class choice.

22<sup>nd</sup> Third position paper is due tonight. The debate for tonight is: tougher sentencing guidelines reduce violent crimes vs. tougher sentencing guidelines do not reduce violent crimes.

29<sup>th</sup> Research Papers are due and so are your last position papers. Discussion of your last position papers tonight and wrap up of the class.