

Class	Date	Topic
1	Sept. 12	Introductions; Who is a criminal? Is the justice system truly just? Discuss "Crime and Criminals" by Clarence Darrow, "The Caging of America" by Adam Gopnik and "Who is a Criminal" by Jason Stanley
2	Sept. 19	Do policing methods unfairly determine who runs into trouble with the law or who goes to jail? Does race and/or ethnicity have an impact on who is arrested, charged and incarcerated?
3	Sept. 26	Should everyone have the right to a competent lawyer? Should juveniles under 18 receive special protection in the legal system? Under 24? Should the death penalty be outlawed?
4	Oct. 3	Should addiction to substances be a crime if it is an illness requiring treatment? Is prison the new Asylum for the mentally ill?
5	Oct. 10	Does America incarcerate too many people? For too long? Should incarceration be a punishment or an opportunity for correction? Is solitary confinement cruel and unusual?
6	Oct. 17	What kind of programming should take place in prison? (examples) How do long prison terms affect people? Their families and communities?
7	Oct. 24	What impact does incarceration have on the offender when s/he is released? Should America's justice system ever show forgiveness toward people convicted of a violent crime?
8	Oct. 31	Should alternatives to incarceration be utilized as sanctions for crime? What kinds of crimes would warrant alternatives, such as community services, home confinement, probation?
9	Nov. 7	How do parole and probation impact readjustment to the community?
10	Nov. 14	What responsibility should the community have to facilitate prisoners' reentry into the community? Lessons learned; potential future actions.