Unit #1 Paper #1 ESSAY QUESTION

Does the United States have a problem with Juvenile Criminal Offenders? Explain why or why not?

**Specific Paper Requirements:**

1) I will deduct **5 points** from your grade for papers that are turned in late.

2) Your paper must be in paragraph form and typed in a 12-point font, with one-inch margins (top, bottom, left and right), double spaced and proofread.

3) Your paper must have a cover sheet that contains the title of the paper, your name, and class in which the student is submitting the paper.  Your paper should have a brief introduction, body, conclusion and a reference page. There are no minimum or maximum number of pages.

4) You must use a minimum of two references. Cite all references in full: author, journal, book title, issue, year, source, etc. While no standard form of citation is required, it is essential that there be enough information for the reader to find the reference. Citations to works on the world wide web must include the URL (or comparable notation) and modification date, or no date is present then the date the site was accessed.

Sample Book Reference: Jones, R. T. (1999) Victimology Handbook. Interscience, New York.

Sample Journal Reference. Smith, A. R. (1995) “VOCA Services.” Law Journal: 114-120.

Sample Web Reference. Victim  Alliance, Victim Forum, [http://www.???.com/](http://www./???.com/)

**Grading Rubric for Papers**

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| **Practical Exercise   Assignment Rubric** | **Excellent**  **(90-100 points)** | **Good**  **(80-89 points)** | **Acceptable**  **(70-79 points)** | **Poor**  **(60-69 points)** | **Non acceptable**  **(50-0 points)** |
| **Comprehension** | **Reflects complete   understanding of project** | **Reflects a good understanding   of project** | **Reflects a poor understanding   of project** | **Reflects no understanding of   project** | **Minimal or no effort in   submitting assignment** |
| **Content** | **Contains all required   elements of the assignment** | **Contains at least 80% of the   required elements of the assignment** | **Contains at least 60% of the   required elements of the assignment** | **Contains less than 60% of the   required elements of the assignments** | **Minimal or no effort in   submitting assignment** |
| **Organization** | **The document is clearly   organized** | **The document is somewhat   organized** | **The document is unorganized   but can be read** | **This document is unorganized** | **Minimal or no effort in   submitting assignment** |

**Once you have completed the assignment, the following procedures will be used to submit it for grading:**