This will be a short paper, five (5) pages, APA or MLA format (use the one you are most comfortable with, one inch margings, page numbers, proper citations, correct grammar, and correctly spelled words.

The paper must have a cover page (which is not one of the five pages) with your name, the class name, title of your paper, and the date it is due. You must also have a reference page (which is not one of the five pages).

The topic of the paper MUST relate to **Ethics and the police**: research and write a paper on the Commissions which investigated police corruption and excessive use of force (brutality) in police departments in both New York City and Los Angeles, California. The two you should focus on will be the Mollen Comission and the Christopher Commission. These Commissions have had a large impact on police ethics

The best way to select a topic is to look through the Table of Contents of the text or through the glossary for something that you find interesting. I prefer you pick a topic that you will enjoy writing about because the papers always seem to be better if it is about something you find interesting. You DO NOT have to submit the topic for approval....but you must be sure the paper meets the criteria of relating to the police, corrections, or the courts. The topics are endless....crooked cops, Frank Serpico, 'Dirty' Harry, probation/parole officer case loads (and how they might deal with that unethically), judges and sentencing, parole revocation, discretion by the police (or the courts or corrections), plea bargaining, abuse of authority, 'official oppression'....etc.

If you really can't think of a topic please let me know and I will assign a topic for you. Please do not submit a paper that you have submiited for another class. I do use a software program that looks for plagarized papers and that will include ANY paper previously scanned.

The assignment is not difficult. You may use a web site as a reference as long as the web site has some scholarly merit (ie: FBI.gov etc.) Wikipedia and pinkmonkey are not acceptable resources. You may also use the text book for a reference. You should also use at least one book(other than a text book) or a professional journal or am imdustry publication.

The paper is due NLT 03/24/2013.