**Reforming Our Prison System**

One of the most urgent issues in the criminal justice system in Canada today is prison reform. How can prisons work better? What programs are needed to assist prisoners? Should prisons designs be changed? This assignment invites you to create a proposal for a revolutionary new prison, in request by the Government of Canada. You will be asked to compare and look at prison systems from around the world, design an ideal penitentiary and present your ideas to your fellow students to judge.

**Procedure:**

1. This is a group assignment. You should have three students in your group.
2. Provide a synopsis of the Canadian prison system.
   1. How is it designed?
   2. What reform programs are offered? Are the any education-based courses?
   3. Discuss the basic living conditions
   4. Statistics (number of prisoners, staff, recidivism rates, deaths in prison)
3. Your reformed prison must include the following:
   1. Architectural Layout
      1. Cells
      2. Dining Facilities
      3. Recreation Areas
      4. Surveillance (Cameras, Guards, Staff)
   2. Program Descriptions
      1. Health
      2. Workplace Training
      3. Counselling
      4. Rehabilitation
4. You can present your ideal prison in several ways. Below are some examples:
   1. Powerpoint/Prezi
   2. Website
   3. Cardboard Poster
   4. 3D Model (both a computer model and diorama will be accepted)
   5. Architectural Sketches
   6. Anything else you see fit 🡪 discuss with Mr. Katsionis
5. **Reflection:** You must discuss why your prison system is better than our Canadian jail system. Here are some guiding questions to steer you in the right direction
   1. How is your prison system different?
   2. What did you find to be the **biggest** issue with the Canadian jail system? Why?
   3. Why did you choose to have certain programs, regulations and a certain architectural layout?
   4. What is your goal with each inmate?
   5. How will your prison decrease the recidivism rate?
   6. Which other prison systems (worldwide) did what you proposed and made it work?
   7. Any other information you see fit 🡪 I encourage you to add anything unique here
6. **Presentation:** You will present your ideal prison to the class. Be sure to justify your position and why you chose to go down the path you did.
   1. This presentation should take approximately 10 minutes.
   2. You will also need to answer your classmates’ questions. This could take an additional 5-10 minutes.
7. This assignment has minimal restrictions. You have permission to create a high security prison or have a jail that expresses more freedom.
8. This assignment will be due

**Evaluation**

Prison Design /10

Reflection /15

Presentation /10

Mechanics/Organization /5

Overall /40