**MAKE THE CASE: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OP-ED**

DUE THURSDAY 10/3 at 11:59 PM

To better assess your ability to write persuasively and use primary source materials to make and support cohesive arguments, I am asking you to draft an op-ed (that is an opinion piece included in editorial section of the newspaper) that states in 750-800 words (double-spaced, size 12 font, Times New Roman) outlining reasons either for or against capital punishment based on the side you have been assigned.

Specifically, your essay will need to have: (a) one paragraph addressing the legal and criminal justice theories (deterrence & retribution) surrounding capital punishment, (b) one paragraph addressing the social & economic concerns that arise in the application of the death penalty, and (c) one paragraph addressing the moral and ethical reasons for/against capital punishment. (d) You must also cite to statistical evidence to support your case.

The website http://deathpenalty.procon.org/ has primary source materials for both sides on all these issues under convenient headings (moral and ethical issues/religious issues; social issues/death penalty vs. life in prison; legal considerations/retribution and deterrence) as well as a bevy of statistical information under the Recommend tab on the right-hand side of the main page.

**YOU MUST CITE ALL PRIMARY SOURCES USED** **USING CHICAGO STYLE**. That means you must have in-text citations in your Op-Ed and an accompanying Reference List. Citation instructions are provided at PURDUE’S OWL WEBSITE (LINK BELOW): https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/ resource/560/05/. Lack of Works Cited (in Chicago style) will result in a 10-point deduction.

 If you need additional information about or help with preparing an op-ed piece, please review the links below: https://shorensteincenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/HO\_NEW\_HOW-TO-WRITEAN-OPED-OR-COLUMN.pdf