

Lesson plan

Tue, July 29th, 2014: Week 4 (Day4)

♦ Group quiz (Using sources) & paraphrasing/reference page

[Attendance Checking & What's on top (5 min.)] by Ray

9:35-9:40	-Check attendance
(5 min.)	-what's on top?

[Group quiz (20 min.)]

9:40-10:00	-form groups (2 groups: odd number/even number)
(20min.)	-wrap-up: summary & citation

[Announcement (5 min.)]

10:00-10:05	-homework & reminder
(5 min.)	-blog post additional option

[What's out there? (30 min.)]

10:05-10:10	-instructions
(5 min.)	
10:10-10:25	-ss take turn going in and out delivering paragraphs' main points
(15 min.)	-create poster
10:25-10:35	-Share each group's poster
(10 min.)	-Check if each group got the right information

[Reference page (15 min.)]

10:35-10:37	-instructions
(2 min.)	
10:37-10:43	-ss discuss
(6 min.)	
10:43-10:50	-ask each group
	-correct the reference list

Drug abuse is rife in many countries. Billions of dollars are spent internationally preventing drug use, treating addicts, and fighting drug-related crime. Although drugs threaten many societies, their effects can also be combated successfully. There is a good solution to the drug abuse on society.

Drug abuse causes multiple problems for countries and communities. The medical and psychological effects are very obvious. Addicts cannot function as normal members of society. They neglect or abuse their families, and eventually require expensive treatment or hospitalization (Harlow, 2003). The second effect is on crime. Huge police resources are needed to fight smuggling and dealing. Criminal gangs and mafia underworlds develop with the money from drugs (Smyth, Parker, & Pease, 2002).

However, the menace of drugs can be fought. Education is the first battle. Children need to be told at home and in school about drugs. People need to be aware of the effects so that they can avoid this problem. According to Paterson (2008), the best approach is to increase police manpower and create effective laws to stop dealers. This way, the main target, the users would not have enough sources to reach to drugs. Worthwhile jobs and housing are also needed to give those people a role in society.

In conclusion, although the problem of drugs may seem impossible to eliminate, there are concrete steps that can be taken to weaken the hold of drugs on society. The danger from drugs is too great to ignore for us and our children.

The so-called “media trial” has a profound impact on a person’s reputation by creating a pre-assumed perception of guilt or innocence, before, or after a case goes to court. Peckinpaugh (2003) asserts that this pre-assumed perception gives the general public, potential jury members, an impartial view on a court case, overall, influencing the system of American justice. Now a problem lies within the simple, yet complex, fight between the right of free press and the right to an impartial jury. Are we craving, and striving to find entertainment, or justice?

One problem that stems from media that could possibly add to jury bias and court outcomes, it is what lawyers refer to as the “CSI Effect (Peckinpaugh, 2008).” Named after the hit television show, this phenomenon describes the false view crime investigation shows cast upon criminal evidence. This false view influences the outcome of a court case, giving us an unrealistic view of the court process and the American justice system. Due to the popularity of these shows, there are jury members that bring in their biased ideas of what the law should look like due to the media surrounding them.

As I have addressed the issue surrounding media trials, I now want to suggest some general solutions that could be easily implemented. From my work experience in the courtroom, I was able to see that, with more people helping select the jury panel, the less biased it was. Many lawyers can simply rephrase questions used during their selection to bring out the bias in people. Asking questions involving the media and television, can give a lawyer much insight into how a juror would decide the outcome in a case (Angeli et al., 2010).

All in all, in order to limit bias, the justice system must battle with the media world. People can question many occurrences in high profile cases, because sometimes a craving for fame overshadows the crave for justice in this society. We, as the general public, are taking for granted the very effective justice system we have. Media’s impact on the justice system will only increase, unless something is done about its effects.

Mobile Device in Life

The advent of technology created various mobile gadgets in order to improve human's lives. People carry at least more than one mobile device with themselves every day. There is a reason for the advent of all these mobile devices, and they are affecting people's lives greatly.

To begin with, globalization derived the needs of convenient and widely usable mobile devices. As Castells (1999) states, globalization was an enormous influence to the development of informational science, which led to an introduction of high-technology mobile devices.

Additionally, thanks to the high-technology mobile gadgets, people can now exchange information instantly. According to Markus and Robey (1988), the effects from new technology are strong related to information technology. The invention of smartphones, laptops and pads, and wireless internet made the dream of exchanging information in the speed of light possible.

In the meantime, the advanced mobile tools contributed to the growth of individual society. Sarwar (2013) reports in his recent study that individual-oriented activities increased approximately 37% in the overall age population. Ever since the new mobile technology was introduced people have been increasingly spending more time alone instead of socializing with others.

In brief, after the globalization led the society to a new path of advanced technology, mobile devices have improved the condition of information exchange, but encouraged people to spend more time by themselves.

Why Pennsylvanians Are More Outdoorsy?

In order to purchase liquor in Pennsylvania, people are obliged to understand the strict liquor law in the state. Pennsylvania is widely understood as one of states with the strictest liquor control. There are reasons for the liquor control in Pennsylvania, followed by some consequences.

In the first place, there are few ways to get an access to alcoholic beverages in Pennsylvania because of the high rates of crime. According to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, 78% cases of the rape crime in Pennsylvania were caused by criminals who were under the influence of alcohol. People were unlikely to commit crimes when they were sober rather than when they were drunk.

Moreover, the state seeks for stronger restrictions due to the issue of safety. Every year, there are approximately 1,925 accidents occur in Pennsylvania from drunk and driving ("Penn News", 2012). Due to the increasing drunk and driving accident rates, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board applied stricter laws to minimize accidents and reinforce safety.

Consequently, the strong restrictions of liquor consume have developed various leisure activities in Pennsylvania. According to Harris et al. (2001) people's participation in leisure activities had a positive correlation to the intensity of liquor control. People are more likely to enjoy healthy outdoor activities when their opportunities to consume liquor are limited.

All in all, the liquor laws in Pennsylvania are strongly restrained in the sake of reducing crime and accident rates, which effected developing various free-time activities.